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TITLE <b>PETIT JURY, NOVEMBER 1939 TERM, EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DIVISION.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>JURY INVESTIGATION.</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Authorization of investigation given telephonically by Bureau. USA, New Orleans, submitted to New Orleans Division 75 names and addresses of individuals comprising petit jury panel, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, for the term beginning November, 1939, and requested a discreet investigation be conducted as to each juror. Discreet, confidential investigation conducted through various sources at New Orleans. Detailed information as to each juror included in this report. Also, New Orleans office files checked as to each juror and information derived therefrom made a part of this report.

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As indicated in reference letter, MR. O. JOHN ROGGE, Assistant Attorney General, of the Department of Justice, requested that a discreet investigation in this matter be conducted and that information compiled be furnished the office of the United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, by December 1, 1939.

Inspector ROSEN, of the Bureau, telephonically authorized Special Agent G. W. DUNKER to institute the investigation as requested by Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE.

United States Attorney RENE A. VIOSCA furnished the names and addresses of seventy-five individuals who comprise the November, 1939, term petit jury panel.

In the previous investigation of the petit jury panel for the May, 1939, term of court, conducted by this office, United States Attorney RENE A. VIOSCA considered it inadvisable to contact any member of the Clerk's office in connection with the investigation. Since the previous investigation, however, the U. S. District Court Clerk has been changed and the present Clerk, A. D. O'BRIEN, JR., was contacted for such information as he could furnish regarding members of the November panel.

The investigation has been set out following according to the number given each juror, in compliance with the request of Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE. There is also included an alphabetical table of the names of each juror on the list furnished by United States Attorney VIOSCA.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents NELSON PERRY, J. O. PEYRONNIN and the writer.



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NO. 1

W. C. HIGGASON

No information concerning W. C. HIGGASON was found in the 1935 city directory. The 1938 city directory lists WALLIE C. HIGGASON, wife LUTICIA M., salesman, 6201 South Miro. LUTICIAN M. HIGGASON is listed as a clerk, U. S. Department of Labor, Immigration and Naturalization Service. No other persons by the name of HIGGASON are shown at the address 6201 South Miro.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau in a report on LUTICIA M. HIGGASON, dated August 17, 1934, reflect that she is a clerk for the U. S. Government, 310 Union Building, salary \$1,404.00 per year, has been known in the files of the Bureau for years and is a native of New Orleans, age 37, with no dependents. No previous employment is given, competency good, employer's opinion good; character and reputation good; and she has no other income in rents, owning no real estate. The report also indicated that her husband, W. C. HIGGASON, was formerly employed as a clerk in the Donaldsonville, Louisiana, drug store, coming to New Orleans approximately ten years ago. He began employment at the New Orleans Post Office as a clerk in 1929 and following was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as an agent. In 1931 he was employed as a salesman for the Royal Typewriter Company for six months and has had no regular employment since but has been selling specialties on his own account. His income is considered small. Neither W. C. HIGGASON nor his wife represent any financial responsibility and their principal income is the salary earned by MRS. HIGGASON as a Government clerk. The trade reports indicate small open accounts in 1936 and 1937 and good credit rating with some; however, others have been refused credit. It is noted that several accounts of W. C. HIGGASON have been referred for collection.

The report furnished the information that they had lived at the following addresses: 3818 Calhoun Street; 2317 Broadway; 2230 Jena Street; 3419 Baudin; 4139 St. Charles Avenue; 500 S. St. Patrick; 5207 S. Rocheblave; their last address being 6201 South Miro.

NO. 2

W. H. WYNNE

WYNNE is not listed in the 1935 city directory. The 1938 city directory shows WILLIAM H. WYNNE, wife ADA, district freight agent of the Southern Pacific Railroad, residing at 210 Hector Avenue, Metairie. It also lists as residing at this address, and possibly relatives of WYNNE, EDWARD W. WYNNE, student; W. HOWELL WYNNE, dentist, with offices at 702 Maison Blanche Building; and HELEN M. WYNNE, clerk, Interstate Electric Company.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect in a report dated August 19, 1937, WILLIAM H. WYNNE, employed as a commercial agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad, 508 Pan-American Bank Building, resides at 210 Hector Avenue, Metairie, having formerly resided at 2310 Calhoun and 1523 Pine Street.

WYNNE is indicated as a native of New Orleans, having lived in New Orleans all his life and has been employed by the Southern Pacific Railway since 1905 and for ten years has been commercial agent. His age is given as fifty-two and he is married. His salary is indicated to be around \$4,000.00 a year but it may have been reduced.

On September 29, 1916, the record reflects that WYNNE purchased from the Eureka Homestead Association a piece of property in the 6th District, Square 23, bounded by Pine, Birch, Broadway and Jeanette Streets, which property is subject to a mortgage of \$2,700.00 still of record. WYNNE has several children, most of whom are grown, according to the report. On a trade clearance made November 18, 1938, one open account was shown past due. Several installment accounts were shown with good payment and several accounts with personal loan finance companies were shown with good payment record.

WARREN KEARNEY, Jury Commissioner, stated that he believed this man was a former employee of the Southern Pacific Railway but he could give no additional information concerning his character or reputation.

NO. 3

LEON BER

The 1935 city directory shows LEON E. BER, Vice-President and General Manager of Stevens, Inc., residing at 5620 Hurst Street, Apartment B. Additional information in the 1938 city directory shows his wife's name to be GLADYS, residing at the same address. Information from this directory shows Stevens, Inc., located at 710 Canal Street, doing business principally as clothiers, furnishers and hatters and handling Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits. It shows, in addition, the following persons residing at 5620 Hurst Street: PETER E. DUNN, J. PETTIGREW WRIGHT, and IRA F. SCHWEGEL.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that LEON BER formerly resided at the following addresses: 6 Dunleath Court; 1507 Jefferson Avenue; 5520 Willow Street; 2417 Calhoun Street. His business address was given as Stevens, Inc. His credit rating is considered good. There is no additional information in the files of this Bureau.

FRANK H. MORTIMER, former Jury Commissioner, stated that this man is manager of Stevens, Inc., a clothing store; he is Jewish; has considerable means and has a high standing in New Orleans.

A confidential informant stated that MR. BER formerly worked for Mayer Israel's Store in New Orleans; left the employ of that concern to go into the haberdashery business for himself; then went out of business and is presently associated with Stevens, Inc., a reputable store on Canal Street. He indicated that this man is a Jew and that he would not use him in a case where there is a Jew on trial.

No. 4

EARL H. VAUGHAN

The 1935 city directory shows EARL H. VAUGHAN to be an agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, with home at 704 St. Charles, Apartment A. The 1938 city directory shows EARL H. VAUGHAN, wife JANE, insurance agent, located at 713 Mantina Building, and residing at 1510 S. Carrollton Avenue. This directory reflects that also at 713 Mantina Building are located C. ADRIAN BODET, insurance agent, and NIEL B. HERMAN, who is in the heating and ventilating business. ELSIE WRIGHT is also indicated as residing at 1510 South Carrollton.

The files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect that EARL H. VAUGHAN is in the insurance business, located at 518 Gravier Street. This record reflects numerous open accounts of small amounts, none of which are past due and the payment on which was good. There is also indication of several small installment accounts, none past due, and payment is good. Several personal loans were indicated with outstanding balances; the record of payment is good. This record shows that there is a chattel mortgage on an Oldsmobile car on February 6, 1939, in the amount of \$423.83. VAUGHAN is indicated from this report as having lived at the following addresses: 2007 Pine Street; 1422 Constantinople; 1301 Napoleon Avenue; 7914 St. Charles Avenue in March, 1931; and 1510 South Carrollton in October, 1936.

NO. 5

MILTON F. HIRSCH

The 1935 city directory shows MILTON F. HIRSCH as a solicitor for the Hartwig-Moss, Inc., Agency Company, residing at 518 Walnut, Apartment A. The 1938 city directory shows MILTON F. HIRSCH, wife HATTIE, employed as an insurance agent, residing at 624 Lowerline Avenue, Apartment L. It also indicates that CERR HIRSCH resides at 624 Lowerline and is in the cotton business. This directory shows the following named people as residing at 624 Lowerline: MELVILLE J. THOMAS, JR.; WERNER KUHN; HELEN E. HAWLEY; GEORGE KILB; JOSEPH W. ALLEN; MRS. MARGARET COCKE; MRS. MARIE T. PONCET; JOHN S. DYER; and JULIUS J. FERETITTA.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that MILTON F. HIRSCH is manager of the Hartwig-Moss Insurance Company located in the Union Building. In a report on HIRSCH dated January 3, 1936, it is reflected that he is a native of New Orleans, residing in an apartment located in a good section of town. His age on this date was fifty; he is Jewish; married, and his wife is his only dependent. The report shows that he has been manager of Hartwig-Moss, an insurance company, for twenty-five years. His competency is rated as good and his former employers recommend him. His habits and morals are good, he is indicated as being reliable and having a good reputation. The record shows that his approximate salary is \$5,000.00 a year and that his wife has separate means. Their joint worth is about \$50,000.00. In addition, this record shows HIRSCH's trade clearance for Marks Isaacs in June, 1939, and that payments are good on numerous small open accounts. Payments are also good on several small installment accounts and on an \$100.00 personal loan made in 1936.

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FRANK H. MORTIMER, former Jury Commissioner, knows HIRSCH to be Jewish and that he is in business as an accountant.

A. D. O'BRIEN, JR., clerk, U. S. District Court, indicated that he knows HIRSCH slightly and also knows his brother, DR. JULIAN HIRSCH. He indicated that the juror impressed him as being a decent and honest sort of fellow but that the firm which he is associated with might have some political connections.

NO. 6

HERBERT C. SALE

The 1935 city directory shows HERBERT C. SALE, an electrician with the Dixie Electric & Auto Parts Corporation, residing at 5139 Canal Boulevard. Also residing at this address, and a possible relation, is JAMES H. SALE, who is assistant custodian in the Post Office Building. The 1938 city directory shows HERBERT C. SALE, wife LOUISE, employed as an electrician and residing at 1320 Adams Street. It also indicates that LOUISE SALE is an X-ray technician.

A report of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau shows HERBERT SALE employed by the Federal Barge Line, with addresses as follows: 5427 Hawthorne; 5139 Canal, December, 1936; 1320 Adams Street, August, 1937; and 5547 Woodlawn, March, 1939. This record shows two credit clearances dated May, 1934, and July, 1936, both showing good payment. There is no additional information in this file.

NO. 7

WILLIAM F. WITTE

The 1935 city directory does not list WITTE. As a possible relationship, however, it is noted that a CHARLES H. WITTE is clerk of the Orleans Parish Board of Assessors, residing at 5911 West End Boulevard. The 1938 city directory shows WILLIAM F. WITTE residing at 1725 Broadway and no occupation is given. It is determined that JOSEPH E. HENDERSON also resides at this address.

There is no record of WITTE at the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau.

NO. 8

PAUL H. MALONEY, JR.

The 1935 city directory lists PAUL H. MALONEY, SR., Congressman, residing at 1200 South Front Street. PAUL H. MALONEY, JR., is listed as being president of the Maloney Trucking & Storage, Inc., residing at 265 Audubon Boulevard. FERNAND C. CANDOLFO, JR., is listed as Vice-President and EMILE A. MUCNIER, Jr., is listed as Secretary-Treasurer of this corporation. The 1938 city directory shows MALONEY, wife EVELYN, to be President of Maloney Trucking & Storage, Inc. He is shown to reside at the address given above for him. Officers of the Maloney Trucking & Storage, Inc., are shown as follows:

Vice-Presidents: ROBERT L. HARDIE, ROGER J. NAYREY, and HARRY D. HAMILTON;  
Secretary-Treasurer, EMILA A. MUGNIER, JR.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show PAUL H. MALONEY, JR., as president of the Maloney Trucking & Storage Company, with former residence at 2216 Worth Street and present address at 265 Audubon Boulevard.

Credit record prepared April 10, 1939, on MRS. E. H. MALONEY shows that payments are good on open trade accounts.

A credit report on PAUL H. MALONEY, JR., prepared June 14, 1938, indicates that he is a native of New Orleans and that he has resided at 265 Audubon Boulevard for the past ten years. He is thirty-eight years old, has a wife and two children. It indicates he has been president of the Maloney Trucking Corporation since 1930 and that for years previous he was manager of the Maloney Motor Company. His character, morals and habits are good. His estimated income is \$10,000.00 a year. This record shows that he owns a home assessed at \$15,000.00 and that he is the son of P. H. MALONEY, member of Congress from New Orleans. He graduated from Tulane University as a dentist. For the last fifteen years MALONEY, JR., has been looking after his father's business. This record also states that he has interest in other business in New Orleans. His estimated worth is \$50,000.00.

FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated that MALONEY operates a fast freight service owned by him and his father and that his father is a Congressman from the Second District and a Director of the National Bank of Commerce and also of a homestead association. He stated that MALONEY is very wealthy and connected with a prominent social group in New Orleans and that due to his father's political position he is very closely connected with the present political regime.

WARREN KEARNEY, Jury Commissioner, indicated that MALONEY is a member of the State Legislature and that he is closely allied with the present administration.

Confidential informant indicated that this juror would not be trust-worthy at all. He stated that in a building and loan association some time ago he tried "to grow over night as one of the powers". He indicated that there was a levy on all homesteads for certain advertising and that PAUL MALONEY, JR., took \$1,900.00 of those funds and bought an automobile and gave it to WILLIAM E. WOOD, State Homestead Supervisor of the Banking Department of the State of Louisiana, and that this car was delivered to WOOD at Crowley, Louisiana. He stated that the funds should have been used strictly for advertising purposes and not converted as MALONEY used them, which act on the part of PAUL MALONEY, JR., was, in his opinion, a criminal offense.



since 1928. He was formerly employed by the New Orleans States as Advertising Manager. References from this company indicated that he is capable and dependable. WALMSLEY appears to be well regarded, possessing good habits and morals. This report indicates that he has many contacts in New Orleans. His income is listed as \$4,000.00 a year. This record also shows that WALMSLEY boards with his mother; MRS. WALMSLEY owns an one-third interest in some residential property located at 4717 Carondelet Street.

Information furnished by FRANK MORTIMER shows that WALMSLEY is employed by the Whitney National Bank in the New Business Department. MORTIMER indicated that he is a brother of T. SEMMES WALMSLEY, former mayor of New Orleans, who was removed from office by HUEY P. LONG. MORTIMER indicated that this man has taken no part in the political activities. He is a man of only moderate means but is believed to be of good social standing.

A. D. O'BRIEN, Clerk of the U. S. District Court, believed that this juror is one of the vice-presidents of the Whitney National Bank, New Orleans. He does not believe that this juror is related to T. SEMMES WALMSLEY, former mayor of New Orleans. He knows this man to be a close friend of Judge RUFUS POSTER, of the Circuit Court in this city, and that both are members of a same carnival organization. He believes WALMSLEY a high-class man, entirely reliable and, in his opinion, WALMSLEY would make a favorable juror for the Government.

WARREN KEARNEY indicated that WALMSLEY was vice-president of the Whitney National Bank.

Confidential Informant indicated that WALMSLEY is a brother of the former mayor WALMSLEY and is an avowed anti-administration man. He indicated that this man was a banker and thought that he undoubtedly would give the Government a fair break and that, as a matter of fact, he might lean too far for the Government. This informant believed the gentleman is above reproach.

NO. 12

E. E. BOUTERIE

E. E. BOUTERIE is not listed in either the 1935 or the 1938 city directory.

Record of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau shows that ETIENNE BOUTERIE resides at 819 President Street, Thibodeaux, Louisiana. This record indicates a trade experience of two 1934 accounts, one of which is past due.

Special Agent J. O. PLYRONNIN stated that he is acquainted with a number of BOUTERIES residing at Thibodeaux, Louisiana, and there is a BOUTERIE, probably ETIENNE BOUTERIE, who is a former employee of the Post

The 1935 city directory shows GEORGE W. BOHN, President of the Bohn Motor Company, Inc., residing at 17 Newcomb Boulevard. The 1938 city directory shows the same information and, in addition, gives his wife's name as KATHLEEN and shows GEORGE W. BOHN, JR., is a student. This directory indicates the Bohn Motor Company is a Ford agency located at Washington Avenue and South Broad.

Records at the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show GEORGE W. BOHN, SR., as president, treasurer and manager of the Bohn Motor Company, Inc., 2700 South Broad. Information prepared July 1, 1939, reflects that BOHN'S bank account is very satisfactory. It shows that department, clothing and furniture store open accounts were all paid satisfactorily. He has been residing at 17 Newcomb Boulevard since 1932. His age in this report is given as fifty years; he is married and has three children. This record indicates that he has been president of the Bohn Motor Company since December 12, 1934. BOHN is well-regarded and possesses good character and morals. His estimated income is \$10,000.00 annually. This record shows that BOHN is from Pass Christian, Mississippi, and that he was formerly employed by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad for eight years and that he was employed as secretary for the Edwards Motor Company in New Orleans from 1914 until 1924. In 1924 he organized the Bohn Motor Company, dealing in Ford cars, which has, in addition, repair and service departments. This business has a capitalization of approximately \$30,000.00. BOHN is listed as the owner of the building at 2700 South Broad, which is worth approximately \$50,000.00. BOHN owns his own home, purchased from G. C. COLE in November, 1932, and which is mortgaged at \$17,000.00. He is regarded as a capable man.

FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated that BOHN owns a very large Ford agency in New Orleans and is considered quite wealthy. He is believed to possess a high character and good reputation. MORTIMER stated that he has no close political affiliations.

A. D. O'BRIEN stated that he does not know BOHN personally but knows of him and that he seems reputable and well-established. He does not think BOHN is affiliated with the political element and would be willing to accept him on a case in which he, MR. O'BRIEN, would be concerned.

Confidential informant stated that BOHN is a shrewd business operator; that he has social aspirations and would only use him as a juror if compelled to. He indicated that BOHN is quite friendly with the powers that be and is a close friend of MILES PRATT, who is close to the present administration.

Assistant United States Attorney HERBERT W. CHRISTENSEN advised that he was of the opinion that BOHN had done considerable business in selling cars to the city of New Orleans.

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The 1935 city directory shows PAUL F. JAHNCKE as president of the Jahneke Service, Inc., and Flint, Sand & Gravel Company, with home at 7 Audubon Place. His wife is listed as financial secretary of the Orleans Club. The 1938 city directory shows PAUL F. JAHNCKE, wife PEARL, residing at 7 Audubon Place, president Jahneke Service, Inc., and vice-president of the Flint, Sand & Gravel Company. This directory also lists at 7 Audubon Place DAVID L. JAHNCKE, clerk, Jahneke Service Company; and PAUL F. JAHNCKE, JR., salesman for Jahneke Service Company, residing at 416 Lowerline. For the Jahneke Service Company, Inc., address 814 Howard Street, PAUL F. JAHNCKE is given as president, WALTER F. JAHNCKE, vice-president and treasurer, and GEORGE BECKER, secretary. The Jahneke Service Company is indicated as dealers in concrete and building products. WALTER F. JAHNCKE is given as president of the Shipside Storage Company and president of the Flint, Sand & Gravel Company. He is also Norwegian Consul. The Flint, Sand & Gravel Company is located at 816 Howard Street, and besides WALTER F. JAHNCKE, president, and PAUL F. JAHNCKE, vice-president, HOWARD J. COWGILL, Bogalusa, Louisiana, is secretary and treasurer.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect in a report dated March 27, 1936, that PAUL F. JAHNCKE, SR., is a native of New Orleans and resides at 7 Audubon Place, where he has lived for twenty-five years. This is a single residence located in a good section of town. His age in 1936 was fifty-five years, he is married and has grown children. JAHNCKE has been president of the Jahneke Service, Inc., since 1915, which Service is valued at approximately \$300,000.00 and which has a good reputation. JAHNCKE was formerly president of the Jahneke Drydock & Ship Building Corporation for ten years. His habits, character and morals are considered good and he is reputed to have a good reputation. His estimated income is \$20,000.00 a year, which is considered permanent. His estimated worth is \$250,000.00. The report shows that he owns his home and additional property. His credit record with open trade accounts is very good.

FRANK H. MORTIMER stated that the juror operates Jahneke Service and also barge lines and that he has done considerable business with the State of Louisiana and has close political connection with the present regime. He has a residence in the same neighborhood as ABE SHUSHAN, which is used as a country residence. JAHNCKE is very prominent socially.

WARREN KEARNEY indicated that JAHNCKE is a competitor of his in business and he knows JAHNCKE to sell materials to the State Government. It has been reported to KEARNEY that JAHNCKE sold shells for RICHARD LECHE'S boat house. He believes that JAHNCKE would be a warm supporter for the present administration.

A. D. O'BRIEN is not personally acquainted with JAHNCKE and knows him to be head of the Jahneke Service Company.

According to a report in the New Orleans Field Division file in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; MRS. PAUL F. JAHNCKE, JR., Victim; EXTORTION", MRS. PAUL JAHNCKE, JR., was the victim in an extortion investigation. The

file reflects that on March 27, 1936, MR. W. H. NORMAN, former Assistant United States Attorney in New Orleans, and MR. PAUL JAHNCKE, JR., appeared at the New Orleans office and reported that his, JAHNCKE'S wife, received a letter on the morning of March 27, 1936, in which a demand was made for \$900.00 cash to be placed at a designated spot on Fontainebleau and State Streets in New Orleans. Information in this file reflects that MR. PAUL F. JAHNCKE, JR., is employed as an official of the Jahnoke Service, Inc., of which concern his father, PAUL JAHNCKE, is president.

Confidential Informant stated that it is a known fact that this individual was called as a character witness for SEYMOUR WEISS at the last trial. ROBERT MAKSTRI is reputed to be interested in his gravel business and is alleged to have put up \$100,000.00 in that business. This informant believes that if this juror were unfriendly to the State administration he could not survive. He would under no circumstances recommend this juror to serve.

Assistant United States Attorney HERBERT W. CHRISTENBERRY advised that PAUL F. JAHNCKE was very closely connected with the present political administration in the State of Louisiana and that he was the subject of a case in the United States Attorney's office for the Eastern District of Louisiana, the facts of which were presented to a Grand Jury but no true bill was returned against JAHNCKE and the company for which he works, Jahnoke Service, Inc. The case involved a conspiracy by JAHNCKE and others in the contracting business in collusion in buying on Government contracts. The United States Attorney's file number of this case is 3152. It is MR. CHRISTENBERRY'S information that the Jahnoke Service, Inc., is or has been in financial difficulty and it is possibly operating under receivership at the present time.

NO. 11

S. P. WALMSLEY, JR.

The 1935 city directory does not list S. P. WALMSLEY, JR. In this connection it is brought out that T. SEMMES WALMSLEY is a possible relation of the juror and this directory indicates that he is mayor of the City of New Orleans and president of the Commission Council and resides at 2001 Palmer Avenue. S. P. WALMSLEY, JR., is not listed in the 1938 directory.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that SYLVESTER PIERCE WALMSLEY, JR., resides at 2507 Prytania Street. His occupation is recorded as contact man for the Whitney Central National Bank located at St. Charles and Gravier Streets. A credit report prepared July 26, 1939, shows that payments on open trade accounts are fair and that \$13.00 was over due on a clothing account of this date. Payments on installment accounts were fair. The record shows that in August, 1937, WALMSLEY made a loan of \$300.00 and that payments on this loan were good. This record shows that a suit was brought against WALMSLEY by J. I. and L. B. CARTER for \$2,000.00 on January 22, 1929. Record of this suit could not be verified. Another credit report prepared in April, 1937, showed that WALMSLEY has been residing at 2005 Prytania Street for thirty-five years and that he is a native of New Orleans. The home at this address is a frame house, located in a residential section. His age is given as fifty years in 1937; he is married and has no children. WALMSLEY has been employed as a contact man with the Whitney Bank

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Office department in Thibodeaux as a rural route carrier but this person is presently on a pension, having put in about thirty years of service in that department. The BOUTERIE family is known to be close to Sheriff STARK of Thibodeaux, Louisiana, and Sheriff STARK is reported to be close to the present administration.

NO. 15

**ALLARD KAUFMAN**

The 1935 city directory shows ALLARD KAUFMAN, Vice-President of the Southland Lumber Trading, Inc., who resides at 1617 Fourth Street. The 1938 city directory shows ALLARD KAUFMAN, with wife JULIA A., Vice-President and Secretary of the Southland Lumber & Trading Company, residing at 1519 Calhoun Street. This directory indicates the Southland Lumber & Trading Company located at 810 Carondelet Building, GEORGE D. IZAREL, President.

From records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau it was determined that ALLARD KAUFMAN is vice-president of the Southland Lumber & Trading Company. In a report prepared December, 1938, it is indicated that KAUFMAN is a native of New Orleans, forty-six years of age, and he is married. He has been vice-president of the Southland Lumber & Trading Company since 1921. He is reputed to have a good character and good morals. His estimated earnings are \$5,000.00 a year. He is also a stockholder in the Southland Lumber & Trading Company. This record indicates that he is the son of GEORGE P. KAUFMAN, retired, of Covington, Louisiana. ALLARD KAUFMAN has been connected with the Southland Company since 1919, acquiring with GEORGE D. IZAREL controlling stock in 1921. This corporation is capitalized at \$100,000.00. KAUFMAN is believed to have accumulated some personal means. The credit record shows trade experience of several small open accounts of long standing with good payments.

FRANK H. MORTIMER stated that KAUFMAN is not considered Jewish but that his father may have been Jewish; his mother is definitely not. He believes KAUFMAN to be in the insurance business and thought that he is quite prominent socially, with no particular political affiliations.

WARREN KEARNEY indicated that KAUFMAN stands very well socially and, to his knowledge, KAUFMAN has no political affiliations.

Confidential Informant indicated that KAUFMAN associates with the better element in New Orleans. He stated that although he does not know much about KAUFMAN'S business connections he is inclined to believe that he would make an exceptional juror. Informant indicated that this gentleman married the daughter of MRS. JEAN CASTELLANO, who operates the Patio Royal where the higher class persons gather socially and where a number of debutante parties are given.

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NO. 14

JOHN N. LEE

The 1935 city directory shows that there are no JOHN N. LEES listed, nor are there any LEES listed as residing at 8237 Apricot Street. The 1938 directory shows a JACK LEE residing at 8237 Apricot Street and employed by Dun & Bradstreet. Information afforded by the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau shows JOHN N. LEE resides at 6117 Willow Street, is employed by Dun & Bradstreet. The file indicates LEE'S trade experience in 1935 to be fair payment on several small accounts. No other information is included in the file.

NO. 18

LAWRENCE EUSTIS, JR.

The 1935 city directory does not list a LAWRENCE EUSTIS; however, a LEEDS EUSTIS, JR., is listed, with occupation as a teacher, who resides at 1732 Amelia Street. The 1938 directory indicates LAWRENCE EUSTIS, JR., with wife, KATE, employed as a salesman for Godchaux & Mayer, Ltd., residing at 1732 Cadiz Street. This directory indicates the following officers of Godchaux & Mayer, Ltd.: HAROLD S. MAYER, President; RALPH M. PONS, Vice-President; JAMES B. ROSS, Vice-President. The business of this concern is indicated as insurance agents, doing business at 817 Union Street.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect that LAWRENCE EUSTIS, JR., is an agent for the Home Life Insurance Company, 817 Union Street. In a credit report prepared May 7, 1935, from Memphis, Tennessee, it was indicated that EUSTIS, JR., is not known in the files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau but that his father has been known since 1925. This report shows juror to be attending Tulane University. His age is given as twenty to twenty-two years, he is single and it is indicated that he is earning \$40.00 per month as editor of a college paper and also that he earns board at the fraternity house. This record shows that his father is employed at the Commodity Credit Corporation; also, that his father owns his home in Memphis and that his credit in Memphis is rated as good.

In a report prepared June 9, 1939, it is indicated that EUSTIS, JR., had been residing in New Orleans since 1933; that he is thirty years old and that he is married. His occupation is listed as an agent for the Home Life Insurance Company since 1936. He is well-regarded, his habits and morals are believed good. He is considered a capable man and his commissions amount to about \$5,000.00 per year. He was formerly employed in the New Orleans City Better Bureau. There is no particular financial ability, other than good earnings, indicated. The report shows he has several small open accounts, with payments good.

FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated that LAWRENCE EUSTIS, JR., is a cousin of LEEDS EUSTIS, Cashier of the Whitney National Bank, who is a member of a very prominent family socially but which is not connected with the present political administration.

WARREN KEARNEY indicated that LEEDS EUSTIS is a member of a very prominent social family and that he might have tendencies to oppose the present administration.

A. D. O'BRIEN stated that he knows this juror very well. He is a personal friend of EUSTIS and believes that he is entirely reliable. O'BRIEN indicated that his occupation is an insurance salesman; that he is a man who is very aggressive and honest in his dealings. O'BRIEN indicated that he is married to the sister of ARTHUR DE LA HOUSSAYE, an attorney of New Orleans, and in his opinion the juror would make a very favorable juror for the Government.

Confidential Informant stated that he believes this man is a son of CARTWRIGHT EUSTIS, who is now the secretary of the Boston Club. He believes that if this juror is a member of that family he feels confident that he would make an acceptable juror.

According to the files of the New Orleans office, the Peoples League was formed in New Orleans about August 5, 1939, for the purpose of cooperation with the public to see that drawings for juries were made public. Information has been furnished the New Orleans office that some of the members of this League possessed radical tendencies and at the time this League was formed it is reported that the League originated a large amount of publicity relative to the indictments and exposure of corrupt politics in Louisiana. According to the list of membership in this League, LAWRENCE EUSTIS, JR., and SHEPHERD SHUSHAN were members. Also in the list were included some of the most outstanding and reputable citizens of this community.

NO. 16

HUGH Mc. C. EVANS

The 1935 city directory shows HUGH Mc. C. EVANS, Department Manager, D. H. Holmes Company, with a home at 1520 Toledano Street. The 1938 city directory shows MR. EVANS residing at the same address, with identical occupation, and indicates wife SEDONIA. From this directory it was determined that the following named are officers of D. H. Holmes Company: ROBERT LIENHARD, president; R. W. WILMOT, vice-president; HUGH E. VINCENT, vice-president; PERCY S. BENEDICT, secretary; BERNARD McCLOSKEY, treasurer; JAMES A. SMITH, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicate HUGH McCLOSKEY EVANS resides at 1520 Toledano and his occupation is given as Divisional Merchandise Manager at D. H. Holmes Company, 819 Canal Street. Credit record prepared December 8, 1938, indicates the following: his credit record is stated as good; EVANS is a native of New Orleans and has resided at the same address for the past thirty years. He is thirty years old, married to a former DE LA HOUSSAYE and has one child. He was a Tulane student for four years and clerk at D. H. Holmes Company from 1934 to 1936.

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He has been Divisional Merchandise Manager at D. H. Holmes since 1936. This record indicates his character, morals and habits are good. It also states that he is a stockholder in the Holmes Company. His salary is given as \$5,000.00 a year. This record indicates that he is the only son of FRED W. EVANS, President of Holmes Company until his death in 1937. He left an estate of \$109,776.00, which includes 240 shares of stock of D. H. Holmes Company. The juror also inherited about \$18,500.00 worth of insurance. EVANS inherited means from his mother, who was a member of the well-known McCLOSKEY family in New Orleans. His net worth is estimated at over \$50,000.00.

FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated that EVANS is the son of former General Manager of D. H. Holmes Department Store and presently employed in a prominent position at that store. He stated that EVANS is moderately wealthy and is well-regarded.

A. D. O'BRIEN stated that he went to school with EVANS and that he is a son of the late President of D. H. Holmes Company in New Orleans. He indicated that this man is not very bright and that he would not want to trust him in matters where there was self-interest on his, the juror's, part. O'BRIEN indicated that he would not consider the juror dishonest to the extent of taking money but from his experience with EVANS while attending school he gained the impression that the juror was somewhat unethical.

WARREN KEARNEY indicated he did not know EVANS personally but he believed he had no particular political connection.

NO. 17

HENRY E. GOLLMER

The 1935 city directory shows HENRY E. GOLLMER, occupation book-binder for JOHN E. MATHES, resides at 7323 Nelson Street. GEORGE F. GOLLMER, possible relative, whose occupation is given as an attendant, resides at the same address. The 1938 city directory indicates similar information as the 1935 directory, and, in addition, shows VIOLA PALMS, nurse, also residing at 7323 Nelson Street.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicate juror residing at 7323 Nelson Street, with occupation as bookbinder for JOHN E. MATHES, located at 305 Camp Street. In a report prepared April 20, 1934, it is stated that GOLLMER is known to this Bureau since 1927; that he is a native of New Orleans and lives in a good section of town. His age is estimated to be fifty to fifty-five years. He is married and his wife is his only dependent. This record shows that he has been employed as book-binder for thirty-five years, with no previous employment indicated. His competency is recorded as good and it is also indicated that his character and habits are good. His salary is \$30.00 to \$35.00 per week. This record shows that he has a son employed by the Shell Petroleum Company at \$95.00 per month. His estimated worth is \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00. He owns a home assessed at \$4,000.00, which is not mortgaged. The credit record indicates one open account for \$400.00, with payments good; also, several installment accounts with good payments.



NO. 18

GLEN S. COBB

The 1935 city directory shows GLEN S. COBB, Secretary-Treasurer of Cobb & Whitehead, Inc. His home is at 4312 South Priour Street. This directory lists DORIS COBB, stenographer, residing at the same address, and a possible relative of juror. The 1938 directory indicates that GLEN S. COBB, wife JANE, is vice-president and general manager of Cobb & Whitehead, Inc., and that he resides at 5863 West End Boulevard. Information from this directory indicates that Cobb & Whitehead, Inc., is a Lincoln Motor car agency which is located at 832 St. Charles Avenue. Also indicated as living at 5863 West End Boulevard is ANDREW E. DUPRE.

From the records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau it was determined that GLEN S. COBB is an employee of Cobb & Whitehead Motor Company, Inc. This record indicates that he is a road man for the Ford Motor Company of Arabi, Louisiana. This record also indicates that he is divorced from NORMA COBB. The addresses indicated from this record of COBB are as follows: September, 1934, 4312 South Priour; January, 1938, 518 Hilary; April 1938, 5863 West End Boulevard; other addresses, the dates of which were not indicated, are 1070 St. Charles Avenue, 7731 Spruce Street, 1413 Adams, 1523 Hilary, and 5207 Prytania. Credit record dated April 12, 1938, has a status of fair. There was no other information concerning this individual at this Bureau.

FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated that COBB is an executive of Cobb & Whitehead, a large Ford agency in this city, and that he is prominent socially and of considerable wealth. He believes that COBB has no political connections.

NO. 19

WILLIAM ZIEGLER

The 1935 city directory shows WILLIAM ZIEGLER, solicitor for Bloodworth, Grasser & Dessaner, Inc. His address is indicated as 514 Arlington Avenue, Metairie. This directory indicates that his wife is nurse for WILLIAM A. WAGNER and she resides at the same address. The 1938 city directory indicates that WILLIAM ZIEGLER, wife SOPHIA, salesman, Bloodworth, Grasser & Dessaner, Inc., at 812 Union Street. This directory indicates that the following are officers of this corporation, which deals in the insurance business: EUGENE A. GRASSER, president; ALEXANDER E. MARIER, vice-president; JOSEPH THIEBUD, vice-president; THELMA MOSS, secretary; and DAVID J. DESSANER, treasurer. At 812 Union Street, besides the above corporation, is also listed DAVID L. JAMISON, insurance business, and MANUEL M. VEGA, insurance business.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicate that WILLIAM A. ZIEGLER, formerly residing at 4928 South Johnson Street, is presently residing at the address indicated above. His credit record as of March 7, 1939, is rated as good. A record prepared by this Bureau on

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November 1, 1935, indicates that ZIEGLER is a native of New Orleans and has been residing at 514 Arlington Drive for the past ten years. His house is located in a good section of Metairie. His age in 1935 was fifty-six and this record indicates he is married. He has been employed as a solicitor for Bloodworth, Grasser & Dessaner, Inc., insurance company, for about six years. He was formerly employed by other insurance companies in New Orleans. ZIEGLER is well recommended and reputed to have good morals, character and habits. His income is indicated to be about \$65.00 or \$70.00 a month. This record indicates that his wife is a nurse for DR. F. A. WAGNER and has an income of about \$100.00 per month. ZIEGLER owns a home, which is mortgaged with the Home Owners Loan Corporation.

NO. 20

CHARLES A. FARWELL

The 1935 city directory indicates CHARLES A. FARWELL, president of Milliken & Farwell, Inc., residing at 1831 Napoleon Avenue. This directory also indicates that ALLEN R. FARWELL is vice-president of Milliken & Farwell. The 1938 city directory shows CHARLES A. FARWELL, wife EDNA, resides at 2311 Octavia Street and indicates that he is president of Milliken & Farwell, Inc. This directory shows the following officers of Milliken & Farwell: CHARLES A. FARWELL, president; F. EVANS FARWELL, vice-President; W. T. GONZALES, secretary-treasurer. This company, which is concerned with the sugar cane industry, is located at 1018 Whitney Building.

From the records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau it was learned that CHARLES A. FARWELL, JR., resides at 2311 Octavia Street, having previously lived at 2426 Prytanis and 1831 Napoleon Avenue. This record indicates that he has been president of the Milliken & Farwell Company since 1926. Credit record prepared on FARWELL dated November 10, 1938, indicates payments were good on open trade accounts and payments were also good on installment accounts. The file on FARWELL in this Bureau indicates that he is a native of New Orleans, having resided in this city for the past thirty-five years. He is married and his wife's name is given as EDNA STEWART and he has two children. This record shows he has good character, morals and habits. His annual income is stated at \$7,500.00 and his estimated worth is \$100,000.00. FARWELL is president and stockholder of a company which is engaged in operating sugar plantations. His company works five plantations, in which FARWELL has an interest. He comes from a wealthy and good family and considerable inheritance is expected. He has a home assessed at \$6,100.00, on which there are no mortgages. This credit record indicates that FARWELL'S wife has an income of about \$1,500.00 annually from money left by her father.

WARREN KEARNEY, Jury Commissioner, indicated that FARWELL'S estimated worth is considerable and he is an outstanding sugar planter. He stated that the juror is a member of the Republican party and regularly votes the Republican ticket. He knows FARWELL to be strongly opposed to the City ring.

FRANK H. MORTIMER, former Jury Commissioner, indicated that FARWELL is of a large family of sugar merchants, owning large sugar plantations in the vicinity of New Orleans. He is an executive of Milliken & Farwell, sugar company in New Orleans, and is very prominent socially. He is a member of the Boston Club. MORTIMER stated that his views are definitely in opposition to the present political regime.

A. D. O'BRIEN, Clerk, U. S. District Court, stated that he is personally acquainted with FARWELL and that he and the juror were members of the New Orleans Academy Alumni Association and that juror is a well-known business man and, in his opinion, would make a very good juror for the Government. O'BRIEN stated that FARWELL is honest, very bright, fair-minded and absolutely reliable.

Confidential Informant indicated that this man is a very high-type individual and that he is a nephew of MRS. FARWELL, the well-known philanthropist. He stated that FARWELL is managing her plantation and that he has been given the ownership of her property under some sort of an arrangement which the informant stated he has not seen but that this juror will become the owner of those properties on her death. He indicated that FARWELL associates only with the highest-type of people in New Orleans, all of whom are anti-administrationists and, in his opinion, this gentleman would make an excellent juror.

NO. 21

C. T. SEILER

Assistant United States Attorney HERBERT W. CHRISTENBERRY has informed an Agent of this Division that this juror is deceased.

A note in the files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicates CORNELIUS T. SEILER, SR., local freight agent of the I. C. Railroad Company, died on May 23, 1937.

No. 22

CHARLES B. McGUIRE

Assistant United States Attorney HERBERT W. CHRISTENBERRY has likewise informed an Agent of this Bureau that MR. McGUIRE is now deceased and a newspaper clipping contained in the files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicates BERNARD McGUIRE, residing at 2217 Adams Street, died February 5, 1939.

NO. 23

M. E. FROLICH

There is no record of this individual appearing in either the 1935 or 1938 city directories. The telephone address directory lists the Industrial Electric Company in business at 3227 Magazine Street. It is to be noted that this is the address indicated for this juror. The 1938 directory indicates that the following persons are officers of the Industrial

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Electric Company: E. M. BRIGNAC, president; P. M. BRIGNAC, vice-president; JOSEPH A. BRIGNAC, secretary-treasurer. This concern is engaged in work as electrical engineers and contractors.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that a MORITZ E. FROLICH under date of May, 1939, was employed by the Industrial Electric Company. The most current address on this record, which was May, 1939, is 743 St. Charles Avenue which, it is to be noted, is a rooming house. Former addresses indicated are 1225 St. Charles Avenue, which is the Audubon Hotel, and also Mobile, Alabama. Record prepared December 15, 1933, appearing in this file indicates FROLICH is thirty-eight years old and is married. This record indicates he had been residing in New Orleans for the past three months and that at that time he was unemployed. It also indicates that FROLICH is a graduate lawyer but there is no indication that he has practiced this profession since his graduation. His wife is known to reside in Mobile, Alabama. The landlords who were contacted in this city spoke well of this individual but were able to afford little financial information. They indicated that FROLICH receives checks from Mobile, Alabama, from time to time. He was known to have no business connection at the date of this report.

A. D. O'BRIEN stated that this juror has been excused by reason of the fact that he is not a competent juror. FROLICH is reported to have a criminal record, according to information furnished to Special Agent J. O. PEYRONNIN by United States Attorney RENE A. VIOSCA and MR. O'BRIEN.

NO. 24

J. B. LINDSEY

MR. LINDSEY'S address is given as Bogalusa, Louisiana, and he is not listed in either the 1935 or 1938 city directories.

Information afforded by the files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicates a L. B. LINDSLEY who resides in Bogalusa, Louisiana, president of the Washington Bank in that city. Credit report of L. B. LINDSLEY dated April 20, 1939, gives a credit rating of very good. Additional information prepared April 14, 1937, indicates L. B. LINDSLEY has been a resident of Bogalusa, Louisiana, for the past twenty-five years. At that time he was fifty-five years old, was married and wife's name was EDITH; he has no children. MR. LINDSLEY was formerly cashier of the Washington Bank and has been president of this bank for the past twenty-five years. His reputation, morals and character are regarded as excellent. At this time MR. LINDSLEY was receiving a salary of \$5,000.00 and had an additional income from investments of approximately \$2,500.00 per year. His estimated worth is \$25,000.00. Resources of the Washington Bank are nearly \$1,000,000.00. MR. LINDSLEY owns his own home and several other pieces of property. Information furnished by Special Agent T. F. WILSON indicates that he was familiar with a P. W. LINDSEY of Bogalusa, Louisiana, and believes that he might be a brother to L. B. LINDSEY. P. W. LINDSEY is the co-owner of the Knight Lincoln Motor Company in Bogalusa and is also believed to be an officer of the Washington Bank. He knows this bank to be one of two banks in Bogalusa and believes it to be in good condition financially.

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A. D. O'BRIEN stated that he does not know this juror but that this juror came in to see Judge BORAH on the morning of November 17, 1939, and was excused until December 4, 1939. MR. O'BRIEN informed that from information which he heard concerning this juror it was indicated that he is engaged in some sort of banking activities in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

NO. 25

G. F. SOUDERES

The 1935 city directory shows GEORGE F. SOUDERES, Department Manager of Woodward, Wight & Company, Ltd., and that he resides at 4210 Cadiz Street. Information in the 1938 city directory shows SOUDERE'S wife's name to be LAURA. This directory also indicates that the following named persons are officers of Woodward, Wight & Company, Ltd.: LAWRENCE C. DECHBAR, first vice-president; HARRY S. POND, second vice-president; W. SIMPSON JONES, third vice-president; RUFUS V. LEA, secretary. This concern handles hardware, mill machinery and contractors supplies and is located on the corner of Howard and Constance Streets.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicate that GEORGE F. SOUDERES is a salesman for Woodward, Wight Company, having been employed by that concern for fifteen years, which report was dated September, 1937, at a salary of \$200.00 a month. This record indicates former addresses of SOUDERES to be 3301 Magnolia; 2100 Milan; 4522 Rocheblave Street. His credit record is indicated as fair. There is no additional information available in these files.

NO. 26

WILLIAM J. HARDIN

The 1935 city directory indicates WILLIAM J. HARDIN, president of Marshal J. Smith & Company, Ltd., residing at 1415 Webster Street. The 1938 city directory indicates similar information and, in addition, shows that Marshal J. Smith & Company is agents for Lloyds of London, doing business at 339 Carondelet Street. Officers of the Marshal J. Smith & Company are WILLIAM J. HARDIN, president, JOHN P. CASEY, vice-president; W. LORING FERGERTSON, vice-president; and GEORGE P. MORENO, secretary.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show WILLIAM J. HARDIN is president of Marshal J. Smith Company, which is agent for Lloyd. They indicate HARDIN'S former address to be 1433 Pleasant Street. Credit report prepared June 6, 1931, indicates HARDIN'S age as fifty-seven, he is married and has grown children. He has been connected with Smith Company for over thirty years and has a substantial salary income. This record shows that HARDIN owns his own home and personal means. The record shows that his social and business connections are good. This record also states that HARDIN derives a good deal from connections and is in comfortable financial circumstances. His credit record is good.

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FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated that HARDIN is head of Marshal J. Smith, insurance agency, and also agents for Lloyds of London. MORTIMER knows him to be very prominent socially and believes him to have no political alignments. He is thought to be in opposition to the present political regime.

WARREN KEARNEY indicated that HARDIN has been engaged in the insurance business for many years in this city and that he stands very high socially and in the business world.

NO. 27

THOMAS E. GRINNEN

The 1935 city directory indicates THOMAS E. GRINNEN, manager, J. S. Bache & Company, and his address is listed at 1326 Fern Street. This information appears in the 1938 directory and, in addition, indicates his wife's name as LOUISE. This directory also shows that J. S. Bache & Company deals in stocks and bonds and is managed by JOSEPH P. HENICAN, JR., and THOMAS E. GRINNEN.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicate THOMAS E. GRINNEN formerly resided at the following addresses: 8419 Spruce Street and 1921 Dante Street. This record shows that he is a partner of Gibert, Henican, Grinnen & Company, located in the New Orleans Cotton Exchange Building. His credit rating is indicated as good. In a report dated January 31, 1935, it is indicated that GRINNEN is a native of New Orleans; that he is approximately forty-eight years old; that he is married and has two or three children. At this date the record indicated he had been a partner of the above firm for about two years. His character, habits and morals are good. He is also thought to have a good reputation. This record shows GRINNEN has been identified with the cotton business for many years. The firm of which he is a member is looked upon as representing \$100,000.00 and it is believed that GRINNEN receives substantial income from other sources. Record indicates that on May 15, 1931, he purchased property in the Seventh District in the amount of \$8,365.00 cash.

Information furnished by A. D. O'BRIEN indicated that he does not know this juror but stated that the firm with which this juror is associated is, in his opinion, a very reputable concern. MR. O'BRIEN indicated that he knows a MR. HENICAN, a member of the firm with which the juror is associated, and that MR. HENICAN has a brother who is an attorney practicing law in New Orleans. MR. O'BRIEN stated that he does not know anything of the background of the HENICANS.

FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated GRINNEN is in the cotton business of HERBERT C. CLAY. He is known to be very reliable and of considerable means. He indicated GRINNEN is a self-made man and not particularly socially prominent. He is not known to have any political connections.

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NO. 28

PETER HOFFARTH, JR.

The 1938 City directory indicates PETER HOFFARTH, JR., underwriter for Pan-Am Life Insurance Company, and that he resides at 2214 Adams Street. This information is also indicated in the 1938 directory and, in addition, it indicates that his wife's name is NETTIE and that the following named are officers of the Pan-Am Life Insurance Company, located at 228 St. Charles Street: CRAWFORD H. ELLIS, president; EDWARD G. SIMMS, ex-vice-president and general manager; EUGENE J. McGIVNEY, vice-president and general counsel; DR. MARION SOUCHON, vice-president and medical director; FRIEND W. GLEASON, vice-president and secretary; REYNOLD C. VOSS, assistant medical director; FRANZ HENDERMAN, treasurer; HARRY W. BACHRE, auditor; JALEN Y. RUDDOCH, vice-president and actuary; and E. P. PATTERSON, cashier. This directory shows that PETER HOFFARTH, SR., resides at 304 Cherokee Street.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicate HOFFARTH, JR.'S present address on July 1, 1939, as 140 Metairie Lawn. Former addresses of HOFFARTH are given as 2214 Adams, 3322 General Taylor and 304 Cherokee. His occupation is indicated as insurance underwriter for the Pan-Am Life Insurance Company, located in the Whitney Building. Report of May 10, 1938, indicates credit rating good. Report of June 10, 1931, indicates HOFFARTH is about thirty-three years of age, married and having no dependents. It indicates he has been with the Pan-Am Insurance Company for twelve years with a salary and commissions amounting to \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 a year. He is a native of New Orleans and has been in the employ of the above concern since reaching his majority. He is well spoken of and has a good reputation.

NO. 29

JOHN L. VICARI

The 1935 city directory shows JOHN L. VICARI, wife ELSIE M., as a teller, Whitney National Bank, residing at 1217 Lesseps Street. This information is also indicated in the 1938 directory. In addition, the 1938 directory shows that PAUL VICARI is associated with the New Orleans Police Department and resides at 2525 Art Street. This is indicated inasmuch as he may be a relative of JOHN L. VICARI. This directory also shows that WILLIAM H. MUMFORD resides at 1217 Lesseps Street.

Credit record of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau of May 26, 1939, gives the rating of good for JOHN L. VICCARI. This shows that he is employed by the Whitney Bank and gives a former address at 1637 St. Roch Street. There is no additional information in the file of this Bureau.

A. D. O'BRIEN indicated that he knows this person to be a teller in the Savings Department of the Whitney National Bank.

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The 1935 city directory shows FRED H. DINGHAUS, with occupation as salesman, residing at 4215 Freret Street. The 1938 directory shows this individual is employed as Departmental Manager of E. C. Palmer & Company. It shows that his wife's name is ETHEL K. Also indicated as residing at 4215 Freret Street is RAY DINGHAUS. Officers of the E. C. Palmer & Company, Ltd., are WALTER G. CLEVELAND, president; ASHEY D. CLEVELAND, vice-president; and CHARLES SPROTT, secretary. It indicates that this company does business at 517 Lafayette Street and is engaged in paper-type pressure printing supplies.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that F. H. DINGHAUS has been residing at 4215 Freret since November, 1933. His former addresses are listed at 3111 Jena, 2516 Jena and 2414 Valence. This record shows he is a salesman for E. J. Palmer Company. Credit report of September 13, 1939, shows this individual has several small open accounts and also several installment accounts with payment good. There is no additional information in the files of this association.

A. D. O'BRIEN stated that he is acquainted with this juror and that he has every reason to believe he would make a favorable and impartial juror. O'BRIEN has always found this man to be a decent sort of individual and he knows him to be in the employ of E. C. Palmer & Company and is the salesman or person in charge of the type and machinery department of that concern. MR. O'BRIEN stated he would be willing to accept him as a juror at any time.

The city directory for 1935 shows EDWARD J. FLEMING, clerk, residing at 1717 Bayou Road. The 1938 directory shows EDWARD J. FLEMING, SR., residing at 1729 Bayou Road. Also, it indicates that JOHN W. HOOGERWERF is a sea captain residing at 1729 Bayou Road.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show EDWARD JOHN FLEMING, SR., is employed by the old Registration Office, City Hall; his present address is indicated as 1717 Bayou Road, with former addresses at 720 First Street; 3933 Toulouse; and 710 Bayou Road. Credit records dated in 1932 and 1934 indicate FLEMING has numerous small accounts with various ratings. In some instances credit was good; in other cases, credit was refused. This record shows a small claim by JOSEPH BEVINEITO outstanding in February, 1933; also, a \$60.00 claim outstanding in favor of Commercial Discount Company in April, 1934. His age is given as fifty-five; he is married and has a salary of approximately \$145.00 a month. The date of this information is not given.

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NO. 32

FOLWELL A. LEGENDRE

The 1935 city directory shows FOLWELL A. LEGENDRE connected with the firm of THOMAS HOBSON and LEGENDRE and that he resides at 1424 Louisiana Avenue. The 1938 directory shows LEGENDRE residing at the DeSoto Hotel. This directory also indicates that JOHN B. HOBSON, JR., and FOLWELL A. LEGENDRE are cotton brokers located at 308 Mason Building, 318 Carondelet Street.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that this individual had addresses at 424 Louisiana Avenue, 1515 Marengo and 12 Audubon Place. In this report it shows that he is connected with Donald Maginnis & Company located at 402 Cotton Exchange Building. Records show several small open accounts from 1933 to 1937 with payments good. There is no additional information in the files on this individual.

WARREN KEARNEY indicated that LEGENDRE is very prominent socially. He knows that he has been connected with the steamship line business for a considerable period and that he has no known political connections. MR. KEARNEY believes that this individual would make a favorable juror for the Government.

FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated that this individual is in the cotton business and is of a very prominent family and has a high social position. He has no known political connections.

NO. 33

A. M. WEST, JR.

The 1935 city directory shows ALONZO M. WEST, JR., connected with the firm of McFadden & West and residing at 3600 Versailles Boulevard. The 1938 directory shows ALONZO M. WEST, JR., wife ANNE B., residing at 3508 Versailles Boulevard, engaged in the cotton brokerage business. ALONZO M. WEST, SR., is manager of McFadden & West, cotton brokers, 819 Gravier Street.

Record of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau shows this individual as residing at 3508 Versailles Boulevard and indicates former addresses at 1570 Henry Clay, 1316 Calhoun, 1833 Coliseum, 1015 Audubon and 3600 Versailles. He is shown to be a partner of McFadden & West. A credit account prepared September 18, 1939, shows that his record is generally good. It indicates that he has not made any loans or applied for any type of financing. Record prepared May 8, 1939, indicates A. M. WEST, JR., is a native of New Orleans, age forty-four, wife's name ANNE BOYD, and that he has two children. He has been a partner of McFadden & West since 1925 and he was formerly assistant manager in G. H. McFadden and Company. His character and reputation are indicated as good. His estimated income is \$10,000.00 a year. He owns a home at 3508 Versailles Boulevard, which he purchased in May, 1932, and paid out approximately \$7,000.00 cash and assumed a mortgage of \$10,000.00

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in favor of the Standard Bond and Mortgage Company. This property is assessed at \$14,000.00 value. His investment in McFadden & West is approximately \$20,000.00. This record also shows that he has additional investments in the Barclay Compress Company. His estimated worth is \$100,000.00.

FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated that A. M. WEST, JR., is in the cotton business with McFadden & West. He has no known political connections and is of modest circumstances and social position.

WARREN KEARNEY indicated that MR. WEST is the son of the foremost cotton broker in New Orleans and his reputation is very high in this city. He believes that WEST has no political connections.

Confidential Informant stated that he is personally acquainted with MR. WEST and that he recently lunched with him at the Boston Club. He indicated that this gentleman is an excellent citizen and that he takes very little interest in discussing politics and believes that this individual would make an excellent juror.

NO. 34

JOSEPH M. FORNARIS

The 1935 city directory indicates JOSEPH M. FORNARIS resides at 5209 Pitt Street. Also indicated as residing at this address is JOSEPH M. FORNARIS, JR., who is employed as a bookkeeper. The 1938 city directory indicates JOSEPH M. FORNARIS, wife ALMA, no occupation given. JOSEPH S. FORNARIS, residing at the above address, is employed as a credit man and ASHTON F. FORNARIS, also of the same address, is employed at a filling station located at 8670 Ponchartrain Boulevard.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that JOSEPH M. FORNARIS, JR., resides at 5209 Pitt Street and is employed by the Shell Petroleum Company. His credit record of February, 1939, indicates several small open accounts with a few accounts past due. Payments unsatisfactory. Credit record on installment accounts and personal loan and auto finance indicates good payments. The credit record appearing in this file on JOSEPH M. FORNARIS, SR., who resides at 5209 Pitt Street, indicates he is in the importing and exporting business and indicates his home address as his business address. Report of April, 1938, indicates wife ALMA FORSTALL. Record shows that FORNARIS is a native of New Orleans, fifty-five years old, that he is married and his wife is the only dependent. Record shows that he has been in the importing and exporting business for himself for over thirty years. His character, habits and morals are good. This person operated as J. M. FORNARIS & Company from 1913 to 1918 and in the latter year discontinued that style. He later went in business under his own name and for a period of time he was successful but for the past six or seven years has been dependent on children who live at home and support the family. He owns property which is mortgaged to the HOLC in the amount of approximately \$5,000.00, which loan is dated July 1, 1934. Credit record shows two accounts given to collection department for poor payments. Payments on a personal loan in 1937 were good.

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Information furnished by FRANK E. MORTIMER indicates that this individual is very prominent socially and that he was formerly connected with the insurance business but that his present occupation is unknown. MR. MORTIMER stated that he was not politically active or connected. This information is set out but from the record of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, it is believed that these persons are not identical.

NO. 35

S. G. FLASPOLLER

This individual is not listed in the 1935 city directory. The 1938 directory shows SIDNEY G. FLASPOLLER, wife MONNANES, residing at 2723 Jefferson Avenue. No occupation is given.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that this individual has resided at 2723 Jefferson Avenue since September, 1934. He also resided at 1771 North Broad in April, 1933, and other addresses indicated are 2723 Peter Street, 1407 Napoleon Avenue, 1312 Louisiana Avenue and 5308 Pryans. Credit record indicates several small open accounts with good payments in 1937. There is no additional information in the files on this individual.

NO. 36

PHIL J. FELDNER

The 1935 city directory indicates J. PHIL FELDNER, occupation sign painter, in business at 526 Poydras and residing at 813 Milan Street. The 1938 directory indicates J. PHIL FELDNER, wife ANTOINETTE, sign painter, and residing at 4116 Annunciation Street. Also as a possible relative, this directory indicates HENRY C. FELDNER, a deputy clerk, First City Court, residing at 7817 Panola. Also indicated as in business at FELDNER'S business address is Stewart & Company and Gus Pitard & Sons, both of whom are manufacturing agents.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that JOHN PERIL FELDNER is a sign painter and former addresses are given as 813 Milan; 1436 Sixth Street; 326 Poydras; 2319 Valence; and in October, 1938, 8416 Ollander. His credit rating is indicated as good. There is no additional information concerning this individual.

NO. 37

GEORGE W. UNRUH, JR.

The 1935 city directory shows GEORGE W. UNRUH, accountant, residing at 337 Pine Street. The 1938 directory indicates this individual as an accountant employed by Haskins & Sells and residing at 1917 Calhoun. HENRY J. JUNIONVILLE is resident partner of Haskins & Sells, located in the Hibernia Bank Building. Also indicated as residing at 1917 Calhoun Street is GEORGE S. RAPIER.

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Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicate GEORGE WALKER UNRUH, JR., is an accountant and formerly resided in Mobile, Alabama. Credit report prepared November 25, 1933, by the Mobile Merchants Company and in the files of the New Orleans Credit Bureau shows that credit record on open account was paid satisfactorily. Also it is indicated that he is single, twenty-seven years old and the son of GEORGE W. UNRUH, SR., a realtor. Record shows that GEORGE UNRUH, JR., was at one time employed with his father. His father is assessed at about \$21,500.00 on real estate holdings and his family is well-regarded in Mobile, Alabama. A New Orleans credit report prepared July 12, 1938, indicates his age as thirty-one, married, employed by firm of Haskins & Sells since 1935 at a salary of \$200.00 a month. This person is well-regarded and has a good reputation. Payment on several small open accounts and on personal loans was good.

NO. 38

J. G. SWARBICK

The 1935 city directory shows JAMES G. SWARBICK residing at 2509 Napoleon Avenue. The 1938 directory gives similar information and, in addition, shows that SWARBICK is employed as a clerk for the City of New Orleans. It also indicates that ALBERT H. SLAT resides at 2509 Napoleon Avenue and that PATRICK E. BURKE is located at 2006 Canal Street, which is the indicated address of the juror in the list submitted by the United States Attorney. Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that JAMES G. SWARBICK is employed in the State tax office, residing at 2509 Napoleon Avenue in 1933 and formerly residing at 2006 Canal and 233 North Roman. Credit record indicates good payment on two open accounts in 1932 and 1933; also good payment on an auto finance. Record with bank shows that his account carried four figures.

FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated that this individual is employed in the assessors office at the City Hall and that he is very closely aligned to the present political regime.

NO. 39

LOUIS E. OSTER

The 1935 city directory shows LOUIS E. OSTER, salesman, residing at 3530 Gentilly Road. The 1938 directory indicates OSTER residing at the same address, with wife MARIE, occupation given as salesman with the Marine Oil Company. Officers of the Marine Oil Company, Ltd., are WILLIAM O. HUDSON, president; HERBERT L. WASSON, vice-president; GEORGE J. WHITMAN, secretary; MISS BETTY CAUSSE, JR., treasurer. This company is indicated as doing business at 1523 St. Charles Avenue. It also indicates that there is a filling station at this address.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicate LOUIS E. OSTER is a salesman for the U. S. Tire Company at 2200 St. Charles. It indicates that he is presently residing at 3530 Gentilly Road, with former addresses at 2110 North Claiborne; 2136 St. Koch; 3603 Delgado; 1040 North Can; 1735 St. Anthony; and 2110 North Claiborne. In a report prepared on

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OSTER dated September 2, 1937, it is indicated that he has been known in the files of this Bureau since 1929 and that he is a native of New Orleans and resides in a good section of the city. His age is forty-one, married and his wife is his only dependent. He has been sales manager of U. S. Tire Company since 1935, former occupation being the L. E. Oster Tire Service, 2100 St. Charles Avenue. This person is competent, capable, well-regarded and possesses a good reputation. His earnings are listed at \$200.00 a month. In June, 1935, there was a mortgage on some property in the Third District of Gentilly owned by OSTER to the HOLC. Other property owned by OSTER mortgaged to the Wisteria, Clematis Insurance Company is in the amount of about \$10,000.00. Also, some property is mortgaged to JOHN L. OSTER in the amount of \$9,000.00. Credit record of May, 1939, indicates payment good on several small open accounts; also, good payments on installment and personal loan accounts.

Assistant United States Attorney HERBERT W. CHRISTENBERRY advised that he knows a man by the name of C. G. HAMMER who is a brother of C. A. HAMMER who married an OSTER girl, probably of the same family as the juror. C. G. HAMMER is employed in the Recorder's Court, City of New Orleans, and is closely affiliated with the present political administration.

NO. 40

HERMAN E. WUNDER, SR.

The city directory for 1935 shows HERMAN E. WUNDER occupied as a clerk, residing at 7114 South Claiborne Avenue. The 1933 directory does not list a HERMAN E. WUNDER, SR. There is a HERMAN E. WUNDER, JR., listed, wife, WINIFORD; clerk, Federal Reserve Bank; residing at 233 Metairie Lawn. This directory also indicates that FRANK C. GOUGH resides at 1629 Broadway, which is WUNDER'S address as given in the list afforded by the United States Attorney.

In the records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau HERMAN E. WUNDER, JR., is employed by the Federal Reserve Bank as custodian. His present address is indicated as 233 Metairie Lawn, former addresses at 1114 South Claiborne; 325 St. Patrick; 4414 Canal; and 1627 Jackson Avenue. In a credit report prepared October 19, 1935, it is indicated that this person was a native of New Orleans, thirty-five years old and married. He has been employed in his present position since July 27, 1933, at a salary of \$140.00 per month. He was previously employed as a clerk with the Canal Bank for eight years. This person has a good reputation and is competent and reliable, according to previous employers. His wife is employed as a stenographer with the Southern Bell Telephone Company and has been in this position since 1916, with a salary of approximately \$110.00 per month. There is no indication of additional income nor any record of real estate held by H. E. WUNDER, JR. Credit record for 1933 shows fair payment on several small open accounts, with good payment on installment accounts. Credit record of HERMAN WUNDER, SR., of this association indicates that he is employed as a cutter with Godchaux Clothing Company located at 2001 St. Bernard Street. He has been residing at 2105 Broadway since November, 1935, with previous addresses at 4414 Canal; 124 North David; 2112 Tulane Avenue. Notes appearing in this file indicate individual has been employed

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as a cutter for Godehauz Clothing Company for thirty-five years at \$40.00 per week. He has no real estate or any additional income. A note also indicates that he has grown children with no dependents and that his wife died December, 1932. It is indicated that he has good ability and is highly regarded. Credit record on several small accounts indicates good payment.

NO. 41

ALBERT DAZET

The 1935 city directory shows ALBERT DAZET residing at 1232 Frenchmen. Also, ALBERT DAZET is indicated to be in the ice business at 3102 Toulouse Street. A third ALBERT J. DAZET is listed as Assistant Cashier, National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans and residing at 4531 Canal Street. The 1938 directory shows ALBERT DAZET, wife URSULA, is employed as Assistant Cashier, National Bank of Commerce, and resides at 7925 Birch Street. It also appears that PAUL W. DAZET is a clerk of the City Sewerage and Water Board and is a possible relative of ALBERT DAZET.

The file of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflects ALBERT DAZET with previous addresses at 4531 Canal and 4553 Canal Street. In a credit report prepared July, 1937, it is indicated that he has been known in the files of this Bureau since 1921. He is a native of New Orleans, resides in a good section, about fifty years old, been married twice and is at present married, his wife being his only dependent. He was formerly connected with the Canal Bank for a period of twelve years and this report indicates that he has been employed by the National Bank of Commerce for the past four years. He is considered a capable, competent individual. He is well-regarded and has a good reputation. He has a salary of \$3,000.00 a year. His worth is estimated at \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00. In December, 1934, he purchased some property in the Second District of St. Marie, Toulouse, Waters and Decater Streets, which is assessed at \$6,000.00. He also owns a lot in the Fourth District, square 54, valued at \$500.00. His credit record shows good payments on several small open accounts; also, good payment on small installment accounts.

FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated that MR. DAZET is Assistant Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce and of modest circumstances and social position and that he has no political connections.

NO. 42

J. W. UNDERWOOD

The 1935 and 1938 city directories show JUNIUS W. UNDERWOOD manager of the Budget Finance Company, wife's name GRACE, residing 1545 Phillips Street. It is also noted in the 1938 directory ALFHA J. UNDERWOOD is a private secretary employed by the at 2339 Governor Nichols and it is possible that she is a juror. The Budget Finance Company is located at 622 P

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The credit record at the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau shows that JUNIUS W. UNDERWOOD formerly resided in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and also at 1507 Jefferson Street. This record indicates he is president and manager of Budget Finance Company, 1031 Canal Bank Building. In a credit report prepared September, 1938, it is indicated the wife's name is GRACE GRAHAM, he is a native of New Orleans, age thirty-two years, and he has one child. He has held his present position since June, 1934. He formerly worked for a period of five years as manager of the Globe Furniture Company in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His character, reputation, habits and morals are unquestioned. Salary estimated at \$3,000.00 a year. His wife owns property 1545 Phillips Street, valued at \$5,000.00. MR. UNDERWOOD is the principal stockholder in the company where he is employed. This record indicates that he inherited some wealth from his grandfather and that his wife also has an independent income. It is noted in this record that he is interested in the Graham Oil Company, with offices in the Hibernia Bank Building, which company handles oil leases and royalties. In a suit filed in June, 1936, a small claim was placed against UNDERWOOD by MILTON M. KILIM. Paying record on several small open accounts is good.

FRANK H. MORTIMER indicated that UNDERWOOD is of the prominent family of UNDERWOODS in New Orleans and has a very high social standing. He is otherwise not known to MORTIMER.

Confidential Informant indicated that he has known UNDERWOOD since his school days and that this gentleman was reared by his grandfather, J. W. C. WRIGHT, who was the owner of the New Orleans Furniture and Manufacturing Company; that he married a MISS CHEQUELIN, of a splendid and reputable family. He stated that this individual's associates and friends are practically all anti-administrationists and that he is presently engaged in loaning money and that, in his opinion, would make an exceptional juror.

A. D. O'BRIEN indicated that he is personally acquainted with this juror as he and the juror attended the same school. He knew this juror married a MISS GRACE GRAHAM of a fine reputable family. He believed that the juror is absolutely honest and reliable and would, in his opinion, make a fair and impartial juror.

NO. 43

C. P. BROWNE

The 1935 city directory shows CLARENCE P. BROWNE, salesman with Cadillac Motor Car Company, residing at 5524 Willow Street. The 1938 directory indicates BROWNE resides at the same address, wife THELMA, and that he was then employed by the Ponchartrain Motor Company as a salesman. This Motor Company is an Oldsmobile agency and WILLIAM J. WILLKOMM, is president, and SIDNEY TREXONLET, JR., secretary-treasurer, said company being located at 719 Baronne Street.

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Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that CLARENCE P. BROWN formerly resided at 2609 Washington Avenue, 7015 Willow Street, 1804 St. Charles, 1629 Bordeaux, and 3020 Calhoun. He has been residing at the Willow Street address since October, 1933. Credit report prepared December 16, 1937, indicates BROWNE is known in the files for years; that he is a native of New Orleans and resides in a good residential section. His age is forty-nine, he is married and has two children, ages eighteen and twenty. He has been connected with the Ponchartraine Motors as a salesman since October, 1935; previously employed for five years by the Mansford Motor Company; also employed five years with the Cadillac Motor Company. He is a competent man, his family is well-regarded, his habits and morals are good. BROWNE also has a good reputation. Commissions amount to about \$10,000.00 a year and he has no additional income. His worth is estimated at \$500.00. BROWNE has several open accounts and installment accounts with a poor paying record, many of which were placed with collection agencies. A suit was brought by the Jackson Building and Loan Company in April, 1922, in the amount of \$5,200.00 against BROWNE. Record of other suits show March, 1922, for \$350.00 by LOUIS WORDSHIRE & Son; March, 1922, suit for \$25.75 by Kunaghan & Cordell; February, 1923, suit for \$131.00 by Maison Blanche; September, 1923, for \$56.00 by Hereford, Inc.; and May, 1930, for \$25.00 by Singer Sewing Machine Company. Credit record on several small open accounts and installment accounts is very poor. Two personal loans made in 1933 and 1936 show good payment.

NO. 44

FORD T. HARDY

The 1935 city directory indicates FORD T. HARDY, salesman, World Bottling Company, Ltd., residing at 2202 Peniston. The 1938 directory indicates HARDY, wife HELEN, vice-president Monteleone-Iberville Garage, Inc., residing at 448 Millandon. Also indicated as possible relatives are S. J. T. HARDY, assistant general foreman, City Sewerage & Water Board, who resides at 3912 Gentilly, and WILLIAM HARDY, estimator for Caldwell Brothers & Hart, residing at 521 St. Marks.

The files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect that FORD T. HARDY is the sales manager for the World Bottling Company and that he formerly resided at the following addresses: 1320 Octavia; 3692 Louisiana Avenue; 4308 Marshal Street; 4227 Elk; and 7018 South Claiborne. Information included in an undated report indicates HARDY has been known in their files for fifteen years. He is about thirty-one years old, married, with one child. He was formerly employed for three years as a manager in the Bond Department of Fenner & Beane. His character and habits are considered good. His net worth is approximately \$2,500.00, which represents savings and personal property; annual income is \$3,600.00. There is no other income indicated. HARDY is considered a capable, honest, and reliable person. Credit record indicates payments fair on several small open accounts with good payments on installment accounts and several loan and finance accounts.



Confidential Informant indicates that this gentleman married the daughter of MR. HENRIQUES, formerly Assistant Attorney General in Admiralty in this city. He stated that HARDY is presently employed as a salesman for an alcohol distillery and that this man has a fine reputation and is entirely trust-worthy. He believes that HARDY would make a good juror.

NO. 45

H. P. TREPAGNIER

The 1935 city directory shows PAUL H. TREPAGNIER employed as machinist and residing at 3121 Banks Street. The 1938 directory indicates he is residing at the same address. His wife's name is ANNA and he is a foreman in his occupation. This directory also lists the following named persons who are possible relatives of the juror: HORACE E. TREPAGNIER, draftsman with Weiss, Dreyfous & Seiforth, residing at 8616 Marks Street; DALTON H. TREPAGNIER, JR., Lt. Colonel, Louisiana National Guard; WALTER TREPAGNIER, JR., employed with the New Orleans Police Department, who resides at 1924 Thalia Street.

The records at the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicate an account of MRS. H. P. TREPAGNIER, of 3121 Banks Street, which was placed with a collection agency in the amount of \$3.00 in March, 1938.

There is no additional information available on this individual.

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NO. 46

JOHN R. LANCASTER

The 1935 city directory gives no listing for JOHN R. LANCASTER or any person by that name at the address 2311 Carondelet Street. However, there is a listing for JOHN LANCASTER at 2028 Clio. The 1938 city directory lists JOHN R. LANCASTER at 2311 Carondelet Street but gives no other information. This directory also lists AMANDA M. LANCASTER residing at 1721 Broadway, employed as Chief, Louisiana Insurance Commission. At the address 2311 Carondelet the directory lists MRS. ALICE REINECKE.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau have no information on JOHN R. LANCASTER at 2311 Carondelet, but there is a record for a J. P. LANCASTER, employee of the Dock Board, who has resided at the following addresses: 907 Camp Street, 4421 Iberville, 1016 Camp Street, 2831 Carondelet. The files of the credit bureau contain no credit report on this individual.

A. D. O'BRIEN, Clerk, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, advises that he does not know LANCASTER but is of the opinion that he is the brother of MISS ELIZABETH LANCASTER, Secretary to Circuit Court Judge RUFUS FOSTER. He believes that this man is about fifty years of age but knows nothing further concerning him.

Confidential Informant advises that he knows that this juror's sister is Secretary to Judge FOSTER of the Circuit Court of Appeals, and while he knows very little about this man he would not consider it advisable that he be used by the Government for a juror because of his knowledge of LANCASTER personally and his associates.

NO. 47

ALLISON OWEN

The 1935 city directory lists ALLISON OWEN, Secretary, Diboll and Owen, Ltd., residing at 1237 State Street. Also employed by Diboll and Owen is listed ALLISON OWEN, JUNIOR, an architect, residing at 1237 4th Street. The 1938 city directory lists ALLISON OWEN - wife, BLANCHE, architect, residing 1237 State Street; also 1601 Canal Bank Building. ALLISON OWEN, JUNIOR, is also listed as an architect residing at 1237 State Street. The directory lists no other persons occupying 1601 Canal Bank Building. There is a listing of ARTH OWEN, residing 1025 Tricou, employed by the New Orleans Police Department.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that ALLISON OWEN, SENIOR, architect, 1601 Canal Bank Building, has resided at 1916 Amelia, 1710 South Carrollton, 2613 Pyrtania, and his present address of 1237 State Street. In a report dated November 8, 1930, his age

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is given as fifty-five, married, wife's name, BLANCHE POTTEUR; that he has no dependents, and that his children are grown. He has been an architect for thirty years and was a Colonel in the United States Army during the World War. His salary is considered substantial and he has other income than that derived from his profession. He owns a piece of real estate in the 6th District, Square 64, bounded by Bloomingdale, Ferrier, Pyrtania, and State Street, assessed at \$7,500.00. On December 3, 1928, he purchased from MICHAEL CAEN a piece of property in the 4th District, Square 89, bounded by Tchoupitoulas, Philip, Rosseau and Jackson Streets, for \$1,250.00 cash and a mortgage of \$30,000.00. On July 18, 1936, he purchased from ANTHONY MARURO a piece of property in the 2nd District, Square 50, bounded by Chartres, Mathine, Royal and Governor Nichols, for \$300.00 and a mortgage of \$10,000.00. The report indicates that his social and business reputation is excellent; that he has had no domestic trouble and has never been in bankruptcy. "Remarks" in this report reflect that ALLISON OWEN, SENIOR, is one of the most prominent architects in the South and has a very substantial income from his profession. During the War, he was Commander of the Washington Artillery bearing the rank of Colonel and presently holds rank of Major General in the United States Army Reserves. Both OWEN and his wife are members of a very prominent social group and of prominent social organizations in New Orleans society. He is stated to represent considerable financial responsibility and has a very favorable paying record. A trade clearance on ALLISON OWEN, SENIOR, was made January 19, 1939, reflecting accounts in department and clothing stores, all of which report years of experience and good payment.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau also reflect that ALLISON OWEN, JUNIOR, is an architect, residing at 1237 State Street, and a credit report dated June 26, 1934, indicates his wife as the former MISS HARDEE; that he is thirty-eight to forty years of age and has no other dependents than his wife; that he has been an architect for a number of years and had no previous employment. His competency, character, reputation and employer's opinion are given as good. His estimated income is \$120.00 per month and he is of nominal worth. "Remarks" in this report reflect that he is the son of General ALLISON OWEN, SENIOR, graduate of Tulane University, and that he has been connected with his father's firm as an architect, but was appointed a supervisor for a WPA project at Camp Beauregard at a salary of \$150.00 per month. He has no personal means but his father and his wife's family are well-to-do financially. On February 15, 1936, a judgment of separation was entered from his wife. Trade experience indicates open accounts during 1935-38, with a fair paying record.

FRANK H. MONTGOMERY, former Jury Commissioner, advised that ALLISON OWEN, SENIOR, is one of the outstanding architects in the country, and very prominent in military circles in this section, having the rank of General; that he is also very prominent socially in New Orleans, but is not known to have any particular political connections.

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WARREN KEARNEY, present Jury Commissioner, advised that ALLISON OWEN is one of the outstanding citizens in New Orleans and is also a high-class architect; that he was awarded the Times-Picayune loving cup as a leading figure in the Roman Catholic Church. He is considered to be quite old and it is possible, due to the infirmities of his age, he may not be an acceptable juror.

NO. 48

WILLIAM PORTER

The 1935 city directory reflects WILLIAM PORTER presently residing at 2819 Danneel Street. The 1938 directory gives the same information and that his wife's name is OLIVIA M. There is no other person given as residing at 2819 Danneel.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau indicate that PORTER has formerly lived at 2819 South Rampart, prior to his residence at 2819 Danneel. His employment is given as an employee of a printing shop and the file contains no credit report. A trade clearance made August 17, 1939, reflects only three installment accounts, two of which have a poor paying record and the other, a jewelry account, indicates a good paying record.

No other information is available regarding this juror.

NO. 49

GUY A. PARKER

The 1935 city directory has no listing for GUY A. PARKER but lists a GUY G. PARKER, chauffeur for the United States Engineers, and a GUY R. PARKER, district manager for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, 7709 Panola. The 1938 city directory has no listing for GUY A. PARKER. Telephone address directory lists a Parker Grocery Store on East End, Jefferson Parish. The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflected that GUY ALLEN PARKER has formerly lived at 6067 Canal Boulevard, 7163 West End Boulevard, 6066 Avenue A, 38th Street and Avenue A, 820 Lemanche, and presently resides at 38th Avenue, Rural Route 5, East End, Jefferson Parish.

On January 20, 1925, the United Motor Company sued PARKER for \$73.55. On April 2, 1924, home was burned, at which time he was behind in payments with the Homestead Association. On January 10, 1929, the New Orleans Bank and Trust Company sued PARKER on claim for \$144.00. On March 19, 1929, the Crescent Cigar and Tobacco Company sued PARKER on a claim of \$159.53. On February 27, 1930, MRS. DOLORES R. FARRELL sued PARKER on a claim for \$85.00. On July 16, 1930, L. M. RIDGE sued PARKER on a claim for \$8.80. On September 20, 1930, the Solar Studio, Inc., sued MRS. PARKER on a claim for \$21.20.

The credit report in the file, for which no date is given, reflects PARKER to be forty-five years of age, that he owns and operates a grocery store, with which he has been connected for five years. He has

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four dependents and is considered steady and progressive, has good character and honest and fair in his dealings, and lives within his income. He has had financial difficulties but has never been in bankruptcy. His net worth is estimated at \$2,000.00 and his estimated income is about \$1,500.00 annually. The "Remarks" in this report reflect that PARKER is conscientious and honest but negligent in regard to his financial affairs. That he applied to the Debt Moratorium Bureau for relief May 24, 1935, and was granted a stay and has paid off these debts. He has a small grocery business, is a hard worker, and just makes a living out of his business. His personal reputation and standing in his community are good, and the only property he owns is his store and personal effects. He does not own his home. His credit record indicates open accounts in small amounts with a fair paying record, one of which accounts was turned over for collection.

NO. 50

## VIC C. GONDOLPH

The 1935 city directory lists VICTOR GONDOLPH at 1625 2nd Street. The 1938 city directory lists a VICTOR J. GONDOLF at 2029 Robert Street, wife - BLANCHE; employment - watchman City Sewerage and Water Board.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that VICTOR J. GONDOLF is employed by the City Sewerage and Water Board; that he has formerly resided at 1706 South Dupre, St. Roche and General Taylor, General Ogden and Apricot Street, 3819 General Taylor, 4218 South Dorgenois, 2218 Peniston, 2200 Peniston, 2600 Washington Avenue, 2635 General Taylor, 2121 Cadiz, and his present address of 2029 Robert Street. The file contains no credit report. His credit experience from 1931-38 reflects several small open accounts, some of which are past due and one on which credit was refused. On August 22, 1931, a chattel mortgage was given to the Family Loan Company for \$300.00. On September 18, 1931, the Industrial Homestead Association sued GONDOLF for \$9,623.37. On March 9, 1932, A. BALDWIN sued GONDOLF for \$16.30. On July 18, 1935, The Liberty Homestead Association sued GONDOLF for \$14,134.13. On July 21, 1937, the Prudential Life Insurance Company sued GONDOLF for \$7,125.00. On July 27, 1938, the HOLC sued GONDOLF for \$5,442.54. On August 8, 1938, the HOLC sued on a judgment for \$5,442.54 on property of GONDOLF at Carondelet and St. Charles Avenue.

NO. 51

## JOSEPH ROSE

The 1935 city directory does not list a JOSEPH ROSE at 2415 LaSalle Street, but lists ASEUNTIA ROSE, maid; ATWELL S. ROSE, student; and THOMAS E. ROSE, shipping clerk, all of 2415 LaSalle Street. The 1938 city directory has no JOSEPH ROSE at 2415 LaSalle and gives THOMAS E. ROSE, porter, at that address. There are six JOSEPH ROSES listed in the 1938 city directory, however.

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The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect no information on JOSEPH ROSE at 2415 LaSalle Street, but this bureau has files on ADAM ROSE and THOMAS ROSE at 2415 LaSalle Street, both of whom are colored porters for COLEMAN E. ADLER and both have been formerly insurance collectors. This address is indicated as being in a colored neighborhood.

NO. 52

R. B. ESKRIGGE

The 1935 city directory lists ROBERT B. ESKRIGGE as residing at 1333 Webster Street, and as employed at R. B. Eskrigge and Company, Cotton Exporters, 806 Perdido. The 1938 city directory lists the same information with addition of the name of VIRGINIA as wife. At 806 Perdido the directory shows ROBERT B. ESKRIGGE and COMPANY, the Victory Oil Company, GUY L. DEANO, President, and Ferrier and Avegno, Cotton Exporters.

The New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau furnished a report dated April 4, 1930, on ROBERT B. ESKRIGGE, residing 1333 Webster Street, cotton exporter, connected with R. B. Eskrigge and Company. His age is given as fifty, is married, and has grown children. He is said to be a cotton exporter in New Orleans for many years and is a member of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. His net worth is estimated from \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00, and he has a very high credit rating. His residence at 1333 Webster Street is assessed at \$11,815.00 and is recorded in the name of his wife, being clear of encumbrances. He owns a piece of property in the 6th District, Square 49, Lots 1, 2 and 3, assessed at \$13,900. He has a very substantial income from his business and investments, and has an excellent reputation and is considered a successful cotton broker. The trade clearance made April 18, 1938, reflects several small open accounts with good payment record.

FRANK MORTIMER, former Jury Commissioner, advised that he knows this juror slightly; that he is in the cotton business, is considered a successful broker and has the reputation of being very wealthy. His father was a native of England and the family occupies a very prominent social position in New Orleans.

A. D. O'BRIEN, Clerk, United States District Court, advised he does not know ESKRIGGE personally but knows of his family; that this family is very reputable and well thought of in this community. Mr. O'BRIEN however knows the brother of the juror, TATUM S. ESKRIGGE, and two sisters, all of whom are considered very high type and reputable people.

WARREN KEARNY, present Jury Commissioner, advised that he knows ESKRIGGE to be a retired cotton factor; that he is English by birth but it is not known whether he is presently an American citizen or not. He stands very high in social and business circles in the city.

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Confidential Informant advised that he has known MR. ESPRIGGE for a number of years and that this man comes from a very excellent and reputable family, is a graduate engineer and now employed by the Celotex Company.

NO. 53

H. D. OGDEN

The 1935 city directory lists HILAIRE D. OGDEN, Special Agent, Union Central Life Insurance Company, 1648 Canal Bank Building, residence - 403 Hilary Street. At this address also is listed HILAIRE D. OGDEN, JUNIOR, physician. The 1938 city directory lists HILAIRE D. OGDEN at 403 Hilary Street, wife - LUCILLE, inspector, State Department of Revenue. HILAIRE D. OGDEN is also listed as a physician, 316 Union Building, residing at 394 Broadway. J. D. HILL OGDEN is listed as a crier for the civil district court, residing at 4214 Pyrtania.

It has been noted in a recent edition of the local newspapers that HILAIRE D. OGDEN, State Inspector, Internal Revenue, died.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau indicate a HENRY D. OGDEN, JUNIOR, residing at 394 Broadway, with former addresses of 4816 St. Charles Avenue, 1625 General Taylor, and 1930 State Street, and as a physician in the American Bank Building. A report on this physician dated August 21, 1937, reflected that he is a native of New Orleans, and has been known to the credit bureau since 1934; that he lives in a good section of town, age - 29 years, and single. He is in offices with DRS. OLIPHANT and FELDER. He started practicing in January 1937, having graduated from Tulane University, and spent two years in the Transient Hospital. He is considered competent, his reputation and morals, good, and habits and reliability are also indicated as good. His earnings approximate three to four thousand dollars per year. His mother is a widow of moderate means and he has no other income. A trade clearance made October 11, 1939, reflected several small open accounts, most of which are past due and with a fair payment record. Installment accounts, however, reflected a good payment record, and a personal loan account for \$330.00 in 1937 is given with good payment record.

FRANK H. MONTIER advised that he read of HILAIRE D. OGDEN'S death in the morning local paper November 17, 1939; that if this is not the juror, his family is very prominent in New Orleans and any one of the family would be well regarded in the community.

WARREN KEARNEY advised that HILAIRE D. OGDEN had recently died and is possibly the father of this juror; that he has no information regarding HILAIRE D. OGDEN, JUNIOR, other than that his father was very close to the present State administration.

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NO. 54

CHARLES N. ROTH, JUNIOR

The 1935 city directory lists a CHARLES N. ROTH as a clerk residing at 500 Lowerline. The 1938 city directory has no listing for CHARLES N. ROTH, JUNIOR, but lists fourteen ROTHs, initials beginning with "C", none of whom reside, however, at 6315 Barrett Street. This directory lists 6315 Barrett Street as vacant. The telephone address directory gives H. C. and H. T. FLEDDERMAN and MRS. ETHEL MASERAT at 6315 Barrett.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau contain a file on CHARLES N. ROTH with address in 1937 at 6315 Barrett Street, and present address, 607 South Parkucou, Crowley, Louisiana, and as formerly residing at 500 Lowerline Street and 479 Broadway. His employment is given as Federal Land Bank, New Orleans. In a report dated July 25, 1935, CHARLES N. ROTH was listed as a native of New Orleans, living in an apartment house in a good section of town, aged, thirty-five married, with no children. His employment is indicated as State Manager of the Federal Land Bank since 1928, having been formerly employed by the Hibernia National Bank and Trust Company for seven years as a teller. His employers' opinion is good; habits, morals, character and reputation are also indicated as good. His estimated income is \$225.00 monthly. On February 10, 1936, he gave a mortgage to the Home Finance Service for \$300.00 on furniture. A trade clearance made December 12, 1938, reflects several small open accounts with clothing and department stores, with a good paying record.

NO. 55

J. C. OPLATEK

The 1935 city directory lists JAMES C. OPLATEK, clerk, Maison-Blanche Company, 2903 Constance Street. The 1938 city directory lists JOSEPH C. OPLATEK, clerk, Maison-Blanche Company; wife - CORINNE; residence 2903 1/2 Constance Street.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that JOSEPH C. OPLATEK is a druggist, residing in 1936 at 2903 Constance Street, with former addresses of 4117 Eden, 624 Front, Gretna, 1117 8th Street, and 1333 Ursuline. The file contains no credit report and trade experience indicates fair paying record.

NO. 56

BEN Z. SEGALL

The 1935 city directory lists BEN Z. SEGALL as Assistant New Orleans Public Service, 1705 South Gayoso Street. The 1938 directory gives the same information with the addition of wife's ADL.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit BENJAMIN ZION SEGALL residing at 1705 South Gayoso Street

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addresses as 4209 South Rocheblave, 2801 Joseph, and employed as Assistant Engineer, New Orleans Public Service. On a credit report dated March 24, 1939, SEGALL was known in the files of the credit bureau since August 1922 and has been employed by the New Orleans Public Service since that time. His age is given as thirty-four, his dependents, wife and one child. His estimated salary is \$185.00 per month. He is stated to have good ability and has made good progress with the Public Service Company and his prospects for the future are favorable. Trade experience indicates good paying record.

NO. 57

CALLANDER F. HADDEN

The 1935 city directory lists CALLANDER F. HADDEN, Secretary and Treasurer, Standard Supply and Hardware Company, Inc., 822 Tchoupitoulas Street, residing 4306 South Miro. The 1938 city directory has a similar listing. The Standard Supply and Hardware Company, Inc., lists WILLIAM K. DePASS, President; JOHN N. KINABREW, Vice-President; CALLANDER F. HADDEN, Secretary and Treasurer; business - oil well, mill and railway supplies.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect the last address of CALLANDER F. HADDEN in 1934 as 4306 South Miro Street, with former addresses of Covington, Louisiana, and 14 Neron Place. His employment was listed as secretary and treasurer of the Standard Supply and Hardware Company, 812 Tchoupitoulas Street, since 1925. The file contains no credit report but "Remarks" on the record indicate he is well regarded and his habits and morals are considered good. His estimated income is about \$8,000.00 a year, and his estimated worth is \$75,000.00. He is a stockholder as well as an officer of the Standard Supply and Hardware Company and is the son of L. F. HADDEN, who, with a sister, MRS. M. A. REZAU, inherited from their parents several pieces of down-town property in a commercial district. Dividends on the stock amount to about \$4,000.00 per year and he owns a home in Covington, Louisiana, in addition to his residence in New Orleans, which is valued at \$8,500.00, mortgaged for \$3,800.00 to the Prudential Life Insurance Company. A trade clearance made October 7, 1939, reflects several small open accounts with clothing and department stores, with a good paying record.

Confidential Informant advised that this juror is a member of the Louisiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, a patriotic organization; that his mother recently died at the age of eighty years and she was quite interested in patriotic work. Informant advised that while he does not know this juror but casually, he is of the opinion he would make a very high-grade juror.

NO. 58

W. S. CALLENDER

The 1935 city directory lists WILSON S. CALLENDER, Publicity Secretary of the New Orleans Association of Commerce, residing at 3905 Carondelet Street. The 1938 city directory lists WILSON S. CALLENDER, and

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wife, EDITH, Secretary, New Orleans Association of Commerce, residing at 1216 Short Street. H. VAN R. CHASE is given as General Manager of the New Orleans Association of Commerce, 315 Camp Street. No listing for 5216 Coliseum Street is given in this directory.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau indicate WILSON S. CALLENDER residing presently at 1216 Short Street; that he has formerly resided at 1526 Louisiana Avenue, 1510 Amelia Street, 3907 Carondelet Street, and at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. His occupation is given as Publicity Secretary of the New Orleans Association of Commerce, 315 Camp Street. A credit report dated March 1, 1936, reflects that he is a native of New Orleans; that he has been living at his last address since 1935, is forty-two years of age, married, no children; that he has been employed for fifteen years by the New Orleans Association of Commerce, well regarded; habits, morals and character - good. His income is estimated to be \$400.00 per month. He owns a summer home in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Paying record considered to be good.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advised that he has known this man for years, personally; that he is Publicity Secretary of the New Orleans Association of Commerce; that he is thoroughly reliable and has a high character and very good reputation. He is not particularly socially prominent in New Orleans, and his political views are definitely opposed to those of the present State administration.

A. D. O'BRIEN advised that he knows CALLENDER only casually, and he believes that he is engaged in the insurance business; that CALLENDER, however, enjoys an excellent reputation and is well known in the community. It is the opinion of Mr. O'BRIEN that he would make a very capable juror.

WARREN KEARNLY advised that from his knowledge of CALLENDER he would make a very acceptable juror for the Government.

NO. 59

H. M. CROMWELL

The 1935 city directory lists HOWARD N. CROMWELL at 1701 Broadway. Also listed at that address is AMY V. CROMWELL, stenographer. The 1938 city directory lists HOWARD N. CROMWELL, wife - BESSIE, 1701 Broadway, occupation, chair maker.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that HOWARD N. CROMWELL is employed by the Well Made Chair Company, 3301 Conti Street, and no address other than 1701 Broadway is given. In a credit report dated June 10, 1936, CROMWELL was indicated as a native of New Orleans, having lived at his present address for a number of years. His age is given as thirty-six, married, wife being ELIZABETH MOSLEY, and has three children. The Well Made Chair Company is a medium-sized organization manufacturing chairs, where CROMWELL has been employed for a number

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of years. His habits, morals and character are given as good. He owns his home valued at \$15,000.00, mortgaged to the Prudential Life Insurance Company for \$10,500.00.

NO. 60

**S. J. DRAPEKIN**

The 1935 city directory lists S. J. DRAPEKIN, Secretary, New Orleans Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, residing 1624 Napoleon Avenue. The 1938 city directory lists SOL J. DRAPEKIN, wife - BEULAH, Secretary and General Manager, New Orleans Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, residing 5510 St. Charles Avenue. The officers of the New Orleans Cold Storage and Warehouse Company listed in the directory are ALBERT MACKIN, President; GEORGE G. WESTFELDT, Vice-President; SOL J. DRAPEKIN, Secretary; and JOSEPH CHALONA, Treasurer, address 305 Galienne Street.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau indicate SOLOMON J. DRAPEKIN, Secretary of the New Orleans Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, as residing at 5510 St. Charles Avenue, former addresses 162 and 1607 Napoleon Avenue. Report dated March 28, 1938, reflected his age as fifty-nine, married to BEULAH COEN, no children. He has been employed by the New Orleans Cold Storage and Warehouse Company for thirty years; estimated annual income of \$5,000.00. His reputation, morals and character considered good. Has a moderate interest in the concern for which he works, and owns no property. Wife is said to have an unknown income from means which she inherited from her family. The trade clearance on DRAPEKIN dated December 20, 1938, reflected several small open accounts with clothing, furniture and department stores, with a fair paying record. On August 1, 1938, E. L. CHAFFIUS sued DRAPEKIN for \$8,750.00. On July 4, 1930, he was in bankruptcy, with assets of \$53,319.00 and liabilities of \$72,393.49; discharged dated July 31, 1931.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advised that he is not personally acquainted with this man but knows he is Jewish, and head of the New Orleans Cold Storage and Warehouse Company.

NO. 61

**ALLEN MEHLE**

The 1935 city directory lists ALLEN MEHLE, President of Allen Mehle Company, Inc., and Manager of the Mehle Insurance Agency, residing 1643 Foucher Street. Allen Mehle, Inc., is General Agent for the Atlantic and Pacific Underwriters, 423 Carondelet. The 1938 city directory lists ALLEN MEHLE, wife - HILDA B., with same occupation as shown in the 1935 directory, and residence as 223 Livingston Place, Metairie.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that ALLEN MEHLE formerly resided at 4144 St. Charles Avenue, 417 Royal Street, 1643 Foucher Street, and presently resides at 223 Livingston Place, Metairie. In report, undated, his age is given as sixty-five, married, no children. He has been President of Allen Mehle, Inc., since 1906;

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estimated annual income is from \$3,000.00 to \$7,000.00. He has been in business in New Orleans for forty-five years and at one time was very successful, having been worth in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00. He was a bankrupt in February 1935, with assets of \$12,293.31 and liabilities of \$16,149.39; discharge was dated January 30, 1936. Trade clearance dated March 8, 1939, shows he has several outstanding open accounts with clothing department and jewelry stores and doctors' bills, with a fair paying record, none of which accounts has been turned over for collection. On May 20, 1935, a mortgage was given to JOVITZ CARR for \$7,999.78.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advised that this man has been in the insurance business for years and that he has had considerable wealth, and is quite prominent socially. His political views are known to be opposed to the present State administration, and he has taken no personal part in political activities.

WARREN KEARNEY advised that he is known to have been in the insurance business for years; that he stands high in this business, and he is believed to be the head of some charitable organization locally.

Confidential Informant advised that he is known to have been in the insurance business for a good many years in New Orleans; that he is a man in the late sixties, but is an excellent citizen and one willing to lay down his life for the freedom of suffrage; that during the days of honest election league this man was a ward captain and helped patrol the election with a gun. He is not affiliated with any political organization and would make an excellent juror.

NO. 62

G. L. WILCOMBE

The 1935 city directory as well as the 1938 city directory gives no listing for this person.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau indicate that he is presently living in Ponchatoula, Louisiana, having formerly lived at Harvey, Louisiana. His occupation is given as Manager of the Joseph Rathbone Lumber Company, Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The credit bureau's file does not contain a credit report but the trade clearance made as of May 10, 1938, indicates a New Orleans trade experience from 1927 to 1938, with only seven small open accounts with good paying record.

NO. 63

GEORGE P. THOMPSON

The 1935 city directory lists GEORGE P. THOMPSON as Assistant Vice-President, Whitney National Bank, residing 4416 Perrier Street. At this address also is listed GEORGE P. THOMPSON, JUNIOR, clerk for the H. J. Heinz Company. The 1938 city directory lists the same information.

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The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau lists GEORGE P. THOMPSON, SENIOR, as Assistant Vice-President and Assistant Manager of the Whitney National Bank, 401 Camp Street. A report dated October 15, 1938, indicates that he is a native of New Orleans and has been living at his present address for twenty-five years. His age is given as sixty-four years, married to ALPHONSINE WALZ. No children. He is well regarded by his employers. His habits, morals, and reputation are good. His estimated income is \$300.00 per month. He owns his own home and his wife receives an income of \$100.00 per month from employment by the Tuberculosis and Public Health Association. His wife also owns property which is mortgaged for \$4,700.00.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advised that he has known of this man for a number of years; that he was formerly in the wholesale grocery business in New Orleans and that he is presently Vice-President of the Whitney National Bank. His reputation in the community is very good. He is considered thoroughly reliable but is not socially prominent.

A. D. O'BRIEN advised that he is acquainted with this juror and has been for a number of years, and that he enjoys a good reputation, in New Orleans; that he is presently Manager of a branch bank of the Whitney National Bank and that he was a very close friend of Mr. O'BRIEN'S father-in-law, the late D. D. MOORE of the Times-Picayune.

WARREN KEARNEY advised that THOMPSON has a very good reputation in the community and that he has no known political affiliations.

Confidential Informant advised that he has known THOMPSON and his family for a number of years; that THOMPSON takes no active part in politics and that he enjoys a very good reputation in the community.

NO. 64

G. J. FERNANDEZ

The 1935 city directory lists GERARD FERNANDEZ as a lawyer residing at 1540 Crete Street. Also listed at that address is GABRIEL FERNANDEZ, JUNIOR, lawyer and notary public. The 1938 city directory lists GERARD J. FERNANDEZ, lawyer and notary public, 720 Union Street, residing 1540 Crete Street. Also at this address is listed GLADYS FERNANDEZ, Interviewer of the City Department of Public Welfare, and OLIVER J. PRIGGE. At 720 Union Street, besides FERNANDEZ are listed the Puritan Realty Company, EDWARD W. OENLING, Real Estate Agent, Citizens Life Insurance Company of Louisiana, and LOUIS SCHULER, Real Estate Agent.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that GERARD JOSEPH FERNANDEZ presently resides at 1540 Crete, having formerly resided at 3627 Dumaine Street. His occupation is given as attorney. The file contains a report dated August 30, 1939, in which his age is given as thirty-nine, married; has been an attorney since July 1935,

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having graduated from Tulane University. His reputation, morals and character are good, and his estimated income is \$2,400.00 annually. He has no other income. Is a native of New Orleans, and son of GABRIEL FERNANDEZ, deceased.

Confidential Informant advised that he knows this man only slightly, having had but one occasion to transact business with him; that he has been practicing law in New Orleans for about four years and would possibly not be recommended as a juror.

NO. 65

JOHN B. VEGLIA

The 1935 city directory lists JOHN B. VEGLIA as a carpenter residing at 501 North Hennessey. The 1938 city directory lists the same information with also ANGEL VEGLIA at 501 North Hennessey.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that JOHN B. VEGLIA, 501 North Hennessey, is employed as a contractor, located at 614 North Rampart Street. The file contains no credit report but trade experience over a period of years indicates good payments on small open accounts. On July 20, 1932, a chattel mortgage was given to the Asset Realization Company on a truck for \$907.92. On October 3, 1938, VEGLIA bought from the French Market Homestead Association a lot for \$1,600.00.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advised that this man is in the small contracting business and has achieved a moderate success through his own efforts in this business. He is considered very honest and reliable and has no political connections.

NO. 66

ED F. ILLING

The 1935 city directory lists EDWARD F. ILLING as President of Walle and Company, Inc., residing at 1218 North Rendon Street. Also employed by Walle and Company is OLIVER E. ILLING, artist, residing at 1914 Brockenbraugh. At 1218 North Rendon, in addition to EDWARD F. ILLING, OLIVER E. ILLING, student, is listed. The 1938 city directory furnishes the same information, with addition of MAUDE as wife of EDWARD F. ILLING. The officers of Walle and Company, Lithographers, located at 461 Tchoupitoulas Street, are given as EDWARD F. ILLING, President; JOSEPH L. CABALLERO, Vice-President; EDWIN C. WAGNER, Vice-President; WILLIAM W. WAGNER, Secretary and Treasurer.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that EDWARD F. ILLING presently resides at 1218 North Rendon Street, having formerly resided at 3341 Dumaine, 1125 N. Gayoso. Credit report dated September 15, 1939, indicates he is a native of New Orleans, fifty-seven years of age, married to MAUDE WAGNER, and has in addition to his wife two grandchildren as dependents. He has been President of Walle and Company.

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for years, having been formerly employed by the United Fruit Company in the Tropics. He is well regarded and his habits, morals and character are good. His estimated income is \$200.00 per month with additional income from rents. He owns his home assessed at \$3,600.00, and other piece of property assessed at \$2,800.00. His wife also owns small property interests. His credit paying record is shown to be good on several small open accounts.

NO. 67

WALTER GAGNET

The 1935 city directory lists WALTER J. GAGNET, 1723 Joseph Street. The 1938 city directory lists WALTER J. GAGNET, 2634 Joseph Street.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that WALTER J. GAGNET is employed as a margin clerk for John F. Clark and Company, Canal Bank Building. His present address is given as 2634 Joseph Street, and he has formerly resided at 1723 Joseph, 2411 Napoleon, 5319 Perrier. The files of this bureau do not contain a credit report and his paying record on several small open accounts is shown to be good.

NO. 68

CLARENCE J. ROGERS

The 1935 city directory lists CLARENCE J. ROGERS, Secretary-Treasurer, Black and Rogers Company, General Insurance Agents, 417 Hibernia Bank Building; residence, 86 Fontainebleau Drive. The 1938 city directory lists CLARENCE J. ROGERS, wife - LILLIAN W., President and Treasurer of Black, Rogers and Company; residence, 86 Fontainebleau Drive. The officers of Black, Rogers and Company, 417 Hibernia National Bank, are given as CLARENCE J. ROGERS, President and Treasurer; MAURICE L. WARNER, Vice-President; DUREL D. BLACK, Secretary.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that CLARENCE J. ROGERS presently resides at 86 Fontainebleau Drive, where he has been living since 1933; that he formerly resided at 1901 Saint Charles Avenue, and 1326 St. Andrew. A report dated July 25, 1938, reflects he is a native of New Orleans, fifty-five years of age, and married, his wife being the only dependent. He has been employed with Black Rogers and Company, Insurance Agency, for thirty years, having no previous employment. He is a stockholder as well as officer in that company. His estimated income is \$10,000.00 per year. He owns his home, which is assessed for \$11,000.00, and is clear of encumbrances. He is well regarded, his character, morals and habits are good. He has an interest in a piece of property in the 7th District valued at \$5,000.00, and his net worth is estimated at \$25,000.00. Trade experience shows several small accounts outstanding, with payment shown as slow on most and unsatisfactory on one, only two of which show good credit payments.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advised that he has known of this man for

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many years and knows him casually as one of the executives of the Black-Rogers Company. He is considered very wealthy and is very prominent socially in New Orleans. He has no known political affiliations.

Confidential Informant advised that while he does not know Mr. ROGERS intimately he knows his family connections and is of the opinion that those persons with whom he is associated in business are of a political leaning opposed to the present State administration. He believes that this man would make an acceptable juror.

NO. 69

HARRY D. HAMILTON

The 1935 city directory lists HARRY D. HAMILTON as Vice-President of the Maloney Trucking and Storage Company, Inc., residing at 2034 Octavia Street. The 1938 city directory lists the same information with the addition of his wife's name, RUTH. Officers of the Maloney Trucking and Storage Company, which is located at 1200 South Front Street, are given as PAUL H. MALONEY, JR., President; ROBERT L. HARDIE, Vice-President; ROGER J. NAYTZ, Vice-President; HARRY D. HAMILTON, Vice-President; EMILE J. MUGINER, Secretary and Treasurer.

It will be noted that PAUL H. MALONEY, JUNIOR, President of the Maloney Trucking and Storage Company, is included in this list of jurors above as NO. 8;

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that HAMILTON has formerly lived at 2240 State Street, 1821 Pine Street, 5517 Clara Street, 2235 South Carrollton Avenue, and 6028 Benjamin Street. That he is employed as Vice-President of the Maloney Trucking and Storage Company. In a credit report dated December 12, 1935, he is indicated as a native of New Orleans, thirty-eight years of age, married, with two children. That he has been in his present employment for the past seven years, previously employed by the Douglas Public Service Company as clerk for ten years. He is well regarded and fairly reliable, with good associates. His income is estimated at \$3,000.00 per year, and his net worth as nominal. He does not own his own home and rents.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advised that his father is well known to him but this man's occupation is not known. His family is considered to be of character and thoroughly reliable, and he has no known political connections.

A. D. O'BRIEN advised that he is well acquainted with this juror and that he is an active member of the Young Men's Business Club of New Orleans; that he enjoys an excellent reputation for honesty and fairness and has good associates.

WARREN KEASLEY advised that he is associated prominently with the Maloney Trucking and Storage Company, the head of which company

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is the son of the present Congressman for the Second District and, consequently, has very close political affiliations with the present political regime.

Confidential Informant advised that HAMILTON is the son of CHARLES H. HAMILTON of New Orleans who is prominent in the coffee business, being head of the Merchants' Coffee Company; that the juror works for the Maloney Trucking and Storage Company and was formerly an ensign in the Navy during the World War. He is presently a reserve officer in the Navy. Informant knows the juror intimately and believes he is an excellent citizen and would be entirely acceptable as a juror in spite of his connection with the Maloney Trucking and Storage Company.

NO.70

R. J. LeGARDEUR

The 1935 city directory lists RENE J. LeGARDEUR, of R. J. LeGARDEUR and COMPANY, residing 1315 Lowerline Street. Members of R. J. LeGardeur and Company are given as R. J. LeGARDEUR and FRANK YOUNGMAN, Accountants, 305 Baronne Street. The 1938 city directory lists RENE J. LeGARDEUR, wife, ANNA, residing 1715 Valence Street. Also at this address is listed RENE J. LeGARDEUR, JR. and DANIEL.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that R. J. LeGARDEUR has lived at 2137 Milan and has formerly resided at 1315 Lowerline Street; that he is employed with R. J. LeGARDEUR and COMPANY, firm of Public Accountants. In a report dated September 3, 1930, his age is given as sixty years, married, and children grown. His occupation previously was given for several years with J. Y. Fauntleroy and Company. He has been a certified public accountant since 1908. Estimated income \$5,000.00 per year, and is indicated to have other income. On February 3, 1900, he purchased from the Pan American Life Insurance Company a piece of property in the 6th District for \$6,000.00. His social and business connections are considered good. He has had no domestic trouble, nor has he been in bankruptcy. His firm is considered one of the more prominent accounting firms in the city. The file of the credit bureau also contains a report on RENE J. LeGARDEUR, JUNIOR, employed at the Southport Corporation as Vice President and Secretary. In a report dated September 8, 1939, his age is given as fifty years, married to MARY R. BUCHANAN, with two children. Has been Vice-President and Secretary of the Southport Corporation since 1926, and is a partner in the Southport Cooperage Company. Estimated income is \$5,000.00 annually, and estimated net worth is \$5,000.00. He owns his own home, which he purchased September 5, 1935, from the Fidelity Homestead Association. He is considered competent and capable and has a good reputation. His trade experience indicates good paying record.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advises that RENE J. LeGARDEUR, SENIOR, is a certified public accountant practicing in his own name, and has been

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in the practice of accountancy for a number of years in New Orleans. He is from a very old and prominent family which has a high standing and good reputation in the community. He is not known to have engaged in any political activities or to have any political connections.

WARREN KEARNEY advised that this juror would be acceptable.

Confidential Informant advised that this man is a certified public accountant and represents the highest type of citizen in the community. That he knows him intimately as a man of much courage, with the power of his own convictions, and he is an avowed anti-administrationist.

NO. 71

GINDER ABBOTT

The 1935 city directory lists GINDER ABBOTT, Accountant, with the General Finance Company of Louisiana, Inc., residing 195 Audubon Boulevard. The 1938 city directory lists GINDER ABBOTT (wife - BERNICE), Salesman, Bohn Motor Company, residence, 4510 Pitt Street. The officers of the Bohn Motor Company are listed as GEORGE W. BOHN, President; Ford Agency, South Broad and Washington Avenue.

It is to be noted that GEORGE W. BOHN is included in this list of jurors as NO. 9 above.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that GINDER ABBOTT is in charge of the Laboratory for the Public Health Institution, 938 Poydras Street; that he presently resides at 4510 Pitt Street, and has formerly resided at 5325 St. Charles Avenue, 1122 Pine Street, 2323 Canal Street, 2107 Broadway, 7021 Apricot, 5325 St. Charles Avenue, 2806 General Pershing. In a credit report dated August 18, 1938, his age is given as fifty-six years; his wife died in 1934 and he has two daughters, 15 and 17 years of age. Since August 1938 his occupation has been in charge of the Laboratory of the Public Health Institute at a salary of \$150.00 per month. Previous occupation indicated being thirty-five years in the automobile business, as a bookkeeper and service manager, during which time he was for ten years the local dealer for the Packard. He has also been a salesman for the Bohn Motor Company; also formerly employed as an accountant for the General Finance Company for one year. Previous employment indicates he was with the United Fruit Company for two years. He owns property at 2321 Pine Street which is mortgaged for \$8,500.00, and receives rents of \$80.00 month from this property. Trade experience reflects numerous small accounts, several of which have been turned over for collection, and several installment accounts with good paying record.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advised that this man was formerly very prominent in the automobile business and is presently thought to be in

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the insurance business. He is not prominent socially and is not known to have any political connections.

NO.72

CHARLES MASSIE

The 1935 city directory lists a CHARLES MASSIE as a laborer residing at 1429 Cambronne Street. The 1938 city directory lists CHARLES B. MASSIE (wife - FLORENCE) as a waiter at the Boston Club, residing 1429 Cambronne.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that CHARLES B. MASSIE is colored, residing 1429 Cambronne Street, and as being employed by the Boston Club for thirty-five years at a salary of \$45.00 per month plus tips, which amount to approximately twice his salary. From a report dated October 6, 1932, his age is given as fifty-five years, married, owns his own home, which is assessed at \$2,000.00, unencumbered. Has two or three dependents. His employers' opinion is very good and he is considered honest and reliable, having lived in present neighborhood for a number of years and always has been conservative in his financial affairs.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advised he knows this man as a porter at the Boston Club.

NO.73

HENRY D. MORTIMER

The 1935 city directory does not list a HENRY D. MORTIMER but lists FRANK MORTIMER as Special Agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company, residing 1920 Palmer Avenue. HENRY D. MORTIMER has no listing in the 1938 directory. However, FRANK H. MORTIMER is listed as General Manager, Standard Brewing Company, residing 1920 Palmer Avenue.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that HENRY D. MORTIMER, son of FRANK H. MORTIMER, has resided at 1920 Palmer Avenue, 1537 Camp Street, 3105 Louisiana Avenue, and presently resides at 4018 Pitt Street. He has been employed as customers' man for E. A. Pierce and Company, Brokerage House, 208 Carondelet. Report indicates he was not working as of August 1, 1938. From a trade clearance dated August 14, 1939, his employment was shown to be as bookkeeper for the National Bank of Commerce. His rating is given as good, and several small open accounts are listed. On August 17, 1938, judgment was entered for \$34.55 against MORTIMER by Carrere Manufacturing and Investment Company.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advised that this juror is his son; that he is presently employed in the savings department of the Whitney National Bank;

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that he knows his son's views to be definitely opposed to the present State administration.

Confidential Informant advised that he knows this juror as the son of FRANK H. MORTIMER who was formerly the Clerk of the United States District Court of Appeals; that HENRY MORTIMER is a young man of fine associates, although the informant is of the opinion that he is inclined to be weak in character and might not hold his convictions under pressure.

NO.74

DAVID B. JACKSON

The 1935 city directory lists a DAVID B. JACKSON at 1539 Annunciation Street. The 1938 city directory lists no DAVID B. JACKSON at this address but thirteen other DAVID JACKSONS are listed. This directory lists at 1539 Annunciation Street a man named JOHN L. CAZES.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that DAVID B. JACKSON residing at 1539 Annunciation is a retired policeman who died July 13, 1937.

NO.75

CLIFFORD F. FAVROT

The 1935 city directory lists CLIFFORD F. FAVROT residing at 3128 General Peshing. The 1938 city directory lists CLIFFORD F. FAVROT (wife - AGNES), employed by the Favrot Roofing and Supply Company, residing 7325 Hampson Street. The Favrot Roofing and Supply Company is located at 2530 Perdido Street. There is a listing for CHARLES FAVROT, foreman for the Board of Levee Commissioners, residing 307 Hillary Street.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau reflect that CLIFFORD F. FAVROT is proprietor of the Favrot Roofing and Supply Company and also owner of the Helen Apartments, 2508 Napoleon Avenue. His present address is given as 7725 Hampson Street, with former addresses at 7325 Hampson Street, 3128 General Pershing Street, and 18 Richmond Place. In a report dated March 11, 1936, it is indicated he was known to the credit bureau since 1924; that he is a native of New Orleans and married to AGNES M. GUTHRIE, with three children. His age is given as thirty-six years. He has been proprietor of the Favrot Roofing and Supply Company since 1935 and his estimated earnings are about \$4,000.00 a year; his net worth is estimated at \$5,000.00. From 1916-20 he was employed by the R. P. Hyman Company, after which employment he organized the Gomilia and Favrot Supply Company, of which he was president until 1923, when the name was changed and incorporated as the Favrot Supply Company. The concern was operated under this name until 1931, when the present name was used. FAVROT owns property in the

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1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
November 27, 1939

Honorable Rene A. Viosea  
United States Attorney  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;  
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith an anonymous communication received at this office on November 25, 1939, furnishing certain information concerning the "handbook racket" allegedly going on in the City of New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure  
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Third District assessed at \$1,500.00, and property located at 2530 Perdido, assessed at \$2,200.00, which is clear of encumbrances. He also owns property in the Fourth District assessed at \$2,500.00. He owns his own home purchased from the Eureka Homestead Association November 7, 1935, for \$988.72 and a mortgage of \$7,500.00. On April 7, 1938, he was sued by JOSEPH JONES for damages amounting to \$4,678.00. On June 7, 1939, he was sued by HARRY JACOBS for \$151.29, and on March 29, 1935, he was sued by the State of Louisiana for \$340.00. Under trade clearance dated February 6, 1939, there are indicated several small open accounts with good paying record. He owed on personal loans at that time \$2,700.00 and he also owed the mortgage of 1935 in the amount of \$7,500.00 to the Eureka Homestead Association. A good payment record is indicated.

FRANK H. MORTIMER advised that he knows FAVROT to be an architect of very high standing; that he is from an old and prominent family in New Orleans, which family has a high social position. It is his opinion that FAVROT'S political views are definitely opposed to the present State administration. Mr. MORTIMER knows no other man by this name than the architect.

WARREN KEARNEY advised that he knows FAVROT as a roofing contractor who is President of the Tulane Alumni Association. He considers him a very high-class and honorable person.

Confidential Informant advised that he knows FAVROT as a graduate of Tulane University, and President of the Tulane Alumni Association; that to his knowledge FAVROT is engaged in the roofing and hardware equipment business, and that his family have been known for their political positions as being opposed to the present State administration; that this juror is believed to be a man of courage and would be a type of person acceptable as a juror for the Government.

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This is the complete report of investigation concerning the jurors in the November 1939 term of petit jury in the Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

November 24, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

MR. HUGH A. FISHER of the Criminal Division of the Department telephoned the Washington Field Office at 11 A. M. on November 16, 1939 while I was in an important conference, and advised that a MRS. SYKES had called at his office who had some information on the Governor LECHE case in Louisiana, and requested that she be interviewed by the Washington Field Office.

MRS. IRENE SHEPHERD SYKES was interviewed by Special Agent (A) C. B. POLAND of this office and stated that her place of residence is 47 West 46th Street, New York City and that she has formerly been employed by CARL BEJOIR & ASSOCIATES, INC., 10 East 40th Street, New York City, New York who are public relations counsel for a number of industrial companies including the Freeport Sulphur Company, the Aluminum Company of America and the National Dairy Products Company.

MRS. SYKES stated that CARL BEJOIR had played a prominent part in raising the campaign fund for the election of President ROOSEVELT.

MRS. SYKES further stated that the State of Louisiana had placed a heavy tax on the production of sulphur which the Freeport Sulphur Company, one of BEJOIR'S clients wished to have reduced. She stated that Governor LECHE had succeeded in reducing the tax on sulphur and that as a consideration for assisting said buyer in this matter, he was to secure his appointment from President ROOSEVELT as a Federal Judge in the State of Louisiana. She stated that when President ROOSEVELT failed to appoint Governor LECHE as a Federal Judge, that BEJOIR was very much incensed with the President and had from that time opposed him vigorously.

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DIRECTOR

Re: MRS. IRENE SHEPHERD SYKES

November 24, 1939.


The Washington city directory notes that the local representative of Carl Bejoir and Associates, Inc., is CHESTER M. WRIGHT with offices in the Carpenters Building, 1003 K Street, Room 609.

MRS. SYKES had no basic evidence on which to premise these conclusions of hers in this matter, but stated that she had gathered some of this information from conversations with one ELSIE SIMMONS who was secretary to CARL BEJOIR.

MRS. SYKES stated that she had applied for a position as an investigator with the Criminal Division of the Department in connection with the investigation of Governor LECHE, but that negotiations had not been concluded in this matter. MRS. SYKES inquired as to the possibility of her being appointed by the F.B.I. as an investigator in connection with this matter, and was advised that the investigative work of the Bureau was performed by regularly appointed male Special Agents. MRS. SYKES further stated that she had an appointment with MR. TIERNEY of the Antitrust Division of the Department on the afternoon of November 16, 1939 with reference to her securing a position as an investigator for the Antitrust Division of the Department under Assistant Attorney General THURMAN ARNOLD because she stated she had considerable information in connection with the milk investigation recently conducted by the Antitrust Division of the Department, which had come to her attention because of her interest in the consumer relations with that industry.

In view of the statements made by MRS. SYKES, the same are being furnished to the Bureau for its information.

Very truly yours,



GUY HOTTEL  
Special Agent in Charge

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1508 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
November 9, 1939

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Honorable Rene A. Viosca  
United States Attorney  
New Orleans, La.

RE: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;  
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

Mr. Paul Hansen, Field Agent in Charge, Work Projects Administration, New Orleans, Louisiana, transmitted to this office copy of a memorandum which is quoted as follows:

Gulfport, Miss.  
November 4, 1939

MEMORANDUM.

To: Paul Hansen  
From: John E. Harris  
Re: Complaint by Mrs. M. S. Coco

Just before I left Baton Rouge, Mrs. M. S. Coco of Bordelonville, La., Avoyelles Parish, called on me to report an irregularity which may involve federal funds, although not within our jurisdiction.

According to complainant, one R. G. Ducote, a member of the levee board, has handled all levee work in Avoyelles parish for a number of years, probably since 1927 when the highwater required the employment of large numbers of men. Since that date, the payrolls have always been large, and complainant states that she is certain that these payrolls are being padded. She names Byron Jefferon, Sam Couvillion and Valley Bordelon as others who are beneficiaries of this practice or who are accessory thereto.

Inasmuch as the federal government, through the Corps of Engineers of the Army, spends large sums on levee work, augmenting state funds there is a possibility that federal funds may be involved in this instance. I suggest that you may want to refer the matter to the FBI for inquiry, or possibly to Mr. Fields for action by the grand jury in Monroe.

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Mrs. Coco particularly stressed the fact that if it were known that she had made this complaint, the consequences would be very embarrassing for her and might result in the loss of employment by her husband. She therefore made the request that her part in the affair be not divulged, further requesting that if it were necessary to question her, this be done confidentially or by means of subpoena of the grand jury.

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Hon. Rene A. Viosca - #2

Nov. 9, 1939

This is being referred to you in accordance with past procedure.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Bureau

New Orleans, La.  
Nov. 2, 1939.

Hon. Rene A. Viosca,  
United States Attorney,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous communication dated October 9, 1939, which was received at the Bureau, along with photostatic copies of the enclosure to this letter.

This letter and enclosure are being submitted to your office in accordance with past procedure.

Very truly yours,

A. P. Kitchin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
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Honorable Rene A. Viosca  
United States Attorney  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: <sup>①</sup> LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;  
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

B.  
Enclosed herewith are copies of a communication received by this Bureau postmarked at Eudora, Arkansas, October 14, 1939, relating to the matters presently being investigated by your office.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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November 17, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In my absence SAC Kitchin telephoned and talked with Mr. Hince concerning the Bureau's request for information concerning one H. H. Dinkins who wired the Bureau November 11th and asked the Bureau to recommend a presently employed or former Agent in connection with an investigation to be conducted at LaFayette, Louisiana. Dinkins described himself in his wire as a member of a state Grand Jury inquiring into dishonesty in public office.

SAC Kitchin stated that H. H. Dinkins is a merchant at LaFayette, Louisiana. His son, Ladd Dinkins, is a teller at the Louisiana Savings and Trust Company, New Orleans. H. H. Dinkins has no law enforcement status whatever and is a member of a state Grand Jury sitting temporarily which has taken upon itself to inquire into alleged graft in connection with the construction of a charity hospital, waterworks and in connection with the planting of flowers and shrubs at the Southwestern Louisiana Institute. Kitchin stated there are some allegations that Governor Leche and others participated in a fraud in connection with the construction of these projects. Kitchin indicated also that some WPA money is proposed to have been used in connection with the projects.

SAC Kitchin recommended strongly against the Bureau making any recommendations concerning possible investigators. Kitchin stated this is purely a political matter; that H. H. Dinkins is an anti-Long faction man and that the results of the Grand Jury investigation will be used for political purposes. Kitchin further stated only about \$1,500. was available to conduct the investigation.

Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Crowl.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Pennington.....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....  
Mr. Nease.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Pennington.....  
Miss Gandy.....

In view of the above facts, in my absence Mr. Hince recommends that Dinkins be informed by wire that conditions in the Bureau do not permit the loan of a presently employed Bureau Agent and that the Bureau does not have available information concerning any former employee who would be interested in obtaining a position as an investigator at LaFayette, Louisiana.

Respectfully,

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H. A. Clegg

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REFER BUREAU TELEGRAM AND YOUR TELEPHICXXXX TELEPHONIC CONVRXXX  
CINVRXXXX CONVERSATION YESTERDAY WITH MR. SEARS. CARRY OUT INSTRUCTION  
CONTAINED BUREAU TELEGRAM OF YESTERDAY CONCERNING H. H. DINKINS.

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November 15, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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A telegram has been received from a Mr. H. ~~R.~~ Dinkins who refers to himself as a member of the State Grand Jury, Lafayette, Louisiana, and who requests that the Bureau recommend an investigator to conduct an investigation of dishonesty in public office. The Bureau requested the New Orleans Division by a telegram yesterday to contact Dinkins discreetly avoiding publicity and to advise the Bureau more fully concerning Dinkins' identity or the advisability of the Bureau's making any recommendation concerning an investigator.

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The attached memorandum by Mr. Sears indicates that SAC Kitchin telephoned Mr. Sears and suggested that Dinkins not be contacted because of the distance between New Orleans and Scott, Louisiana and because no federal violation is apparently involved. Mr. Kitchin furnished no information concerning Mr. Dinkins except that he called at the New Orleans Division. We seem to have no more information now than before the Bureau telegraphed yesterday, and accordingly the attached wire has been prepared to the New Orleans Division instructing that it comply with the Bureau's telegraphic request of yesterday.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Tolson.....  
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SAC Kitchin telephonically advised from New Orleans that he was in receipt of a wire from the Bureau advising that H. H. Dinkins of New Orleans had wired to the Bureau stating that SAC Kitchin suggested that he, Mr. Dinkins, wire the Bureau for the name of a prospective investigator in connection with Grand Jury inquires now in session at Lafayette, Louisiana. The Bureau wire suggested that Mr. Kitchin discreetly contact Mr. Dinkins and advise the Bureau more fully of his request.

Mr. Kitchin advised that on Sunday, November 12, 1939, H. H. Dinkins, Todd Dinkins, both of Scott, Louisiana, and Joseph Airey of 843 Union Street, New Orleans, called at the New Orleans Office and advised Agent Parker that they were interested in having an investigation conducted of State graft in Lafayette County, Louisiana, and also the investigation of the graft by State authorities in the vicinity of Lake Charles, Louisiana. Agent Parker referred Mr. Dinkins to Mr. Kitchin at his home, and Mr. Kitchin advised Mr. Dinkins that as there was no Federal violation in connection with the State graft and fraud at Lafayette County and Lake Charles, Louisiana, that no Federal investigation could be conducted. He then inquired if the Bureau had a private investigator, or could recommend a private investigator, to conduct an appropriate investigation concerning this State graft. Mr. Kitchin advised that he did not believe the Bureau would recommend a private investigator, but in the event Mr. Dinkins wanted to take it up directly with the Director, that he should communicate with the Bureau by letter and furnish full details as to the graft and his request.

The purpose of Mr. Kitchin's call was to advise the Bureau he did not believe that Mr. Dinkins at Scott, Louisiana, should be contacted, because of the distance, and particularly he believed that if the Bureau could get out of this request gracefully, it should do so as no Federal violation was concerned. However, if the Bureau wanted him contacted, he would arrange to contact him, or have an Agent do so.

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I advised Mr. Kitchin that the purpose of the wire was to ascertain the facts concerning the work that the investigator would do for Mr. H. H. Dinkins, inasmuch as in some instances the Bureau may recommend an investigator to a State agency, particularly an FBI National Police Academy man. I further instructed Mr. Kitchin that in view of his call, he need not contact Mr. Dinkins until advised to do so by the Bureau.

J. F. Sears

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J EDGAR HOOVER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE GRAND JURY NOW IN SESSION  
AT LAFAYETTE LOUISIANA, I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO  
SUBMIT NAME OR NAMES OF SOMEONE QUALIFIED OR FAM-  
ILIAR WITH WORK OF INVESTIGATION OF DISHONESTY IN  
PUBLIC OFFICE IN OUR SECTION OF THE STATE STOP IS IT  
POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SUGGEST TO ME SOMEONE NOW OR  
FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH FBI WHO CAN DO SUCH WORK,  
WE TO PAY HIS SALARY STOP MR KITCHEN OF YOUR NEW-  
ORLEANS OFFICE SUGGESTS MY WIRING YOU STOP PLEASE  
WIRE REPLY COLLECT TO ME AT LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

H H DINKINS.

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H. H. DINKINS

LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM NOVEMBER ELEVENTH I REGRET TO INFORM  
YOU THAT EMERGENCY CONDITIONS IN THE BUREAU'S WORK WILL NOT  
PERMIT THE RELEASE OF AN INVESTIGATOR TO BE EMPLOYED BY YOU.

I ALSO REGRET NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING FORMER EMPLOYEES  
WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TEMPORARY INVESTIGATIVE  
POSITION.

HOOVXXXXX JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New Orleans, La.  
Nov. 2, 1939.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: PETIT JURY PANEL - NOVEMBER 1939  
TERM, Eastern District of Louisiana,  
New Orleans, La. Division;  
JURY INVESTIGATION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a telephone call from MR. ROSEN of the Bureau on November 2, 1939, to Special Agent C. W. DUNKER, at which time MR. ROSEN advised that MR. O. JOHN ROGGE of the Department had requested that we institute an investigation of the Jury Panel which will try ABE SHUSHAN in New Orleans. At that time MR. ROSEN requested that we institute the investigation immediately.

Please be advised that Special Agent C. W. DUNKER contacted U. S. Attorney RENE VIOSCA, New Orleans, on the same date, at which time he advised that ABE SHUSHAN, HENRY J. MILLER, ROBERT V. NEWMAN, NORVIN T. HARRIS and HERBERT WAGUESPACK were charged in a mail fraud indictment, which would come to trial in New Orleans on December 4, 1939. He advised that the November 1939 Jury Panel would be selected for the term of court on November 20, 1939, on which date he would supply this office with the names of the persons selected for the Panel.

Immediately upon receipt of the names of the members who will comprise the Jury Panel, the proper investigation will be instituted.

Very truly yours,

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A. P. Kitchin

Special Agent

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November 8, 1939

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Mr. Philip A. Sanders  
Crew of U. S. Dredge Jadwin  
U. S. Engineers Department  
Post Office Box 97  
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sanders:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated October 24, 1939, concerning political conditions in the city of New Orleans against the National Maritime Union.

I wish to advise that I have carefully perused the contents of your letter and fail to note therein a violation within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, and I am therefore unable to be of assistance to you in this matter.

I would suggest that in the event you obtain information concerning a violation within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, you may be desirous of furnishing the information directly to Mr. C. E. Ryle, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 2401 Sterick Building, Memphis, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc Memphis

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Nease.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

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Clarksdale Miss.  
Oct. 24, 1939  
U.S. Dredge Jadwin

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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11-4-39  
GCH

Dear Sir,

We are writing you in regards to the corruptive Political conditions in the city of New Orleans against the National Maritime Union. We have had several of our Brothers of our union murdered and beaten up by phonies which are so called goons and the City Officials and Police Department will not take any actions what so ever to see that these murderers are brought to justice.

They have at present one of our Brothers, Ennis Marshall in jail for shooting two of these so called goons. Several weeks ago this same gang of murderers beat u on one of our Brothers and shot and killed Phil Carey Secretary Treasurer of the Gulf District of the N.M.U. We know that the New Orleans police have not apprehended these murderers and prosecuted them to what they deserve.

Our brother Ennis Marshall went ashore in New Orleans and was followed around by these two goons who finally jammed him up in a saloon and tried to murder him and he was forced to shoot in self defense of his life.

We understand the Police Dept. in New Orleans are trying to railroad him and send him to prison for some thing he was in justified in doing.

We all know taht the police dept. of New Orleans have nothing about these so called goon beating up our members but just as soon as one of our members has to shoot two of these phonies in defense of his life, the police dept. pounce on him and put in murders row at Parish Prison whrer no one can see him but a lawyer and where they try to pin every thing on him taht has happened there in the last year.

We are appealing to you as tax payers and citizens and asking you to see that these phonies and goons are apprehended and prosecuted and our brother Ennis Marshall gets a fair trial and justice for it is useless to appeal to the local authorities in New Orleans and we know it. We are asking that you start an investigation at your earliest opportunity.

Thanking you in advance and wishing you success, we are

very truly yours,  
Crew of U. S. Dredge Jadwin  
U. S. Engineers Dept.  
P. O. Box 97  
Memphis, Tenn.

*Philip A. Sanders*  
Philip A Sanders  
Recording Secretary

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
October 17, 1939

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Honorable Rene A. Viosca  
United States Attorney  
Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA POLITICAL SITUATION;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter received by this Bureau signed E. J. Wilson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, dated October 2, 1939, in which the author complains of irregularities in the Louisiana State School for the Deaf. The writer furnished no return address and, consequently, his letter has not been acknowledged.

The above-mentioned copy of this letter is being furnished to you for such disposition as you may desire to make of same.

Very truly yours,

APK  
PMH

A. P. KITCHIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: ☒ Bureau

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November 4, 1939

Miss Bessie Hicks  
1818 Philip Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Hicks:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 16, 1939, with reference to the receipt by an individual of compensation checks of a World War veteran.

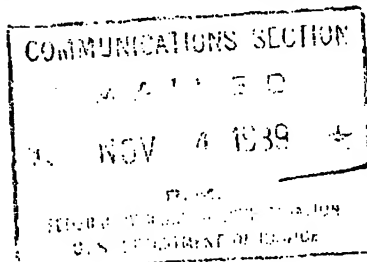
From a careful reading of your letter, it does not appear to contain information within the primary investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. In view of the fact that the information contained in your letter may be of some interest to the Veterans Administration, I am transmitting a copy of your letter to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration, Arlington Building, Washington, D. C. for appropriate attention.

With reference to the latter portion of your letter wherein you state that you would like to be connected with this Department, please be advised that this Bureau does not employ women investigators at the present time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc to New Orleans with copy of incoming



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November 4, 1939

Administrator of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Administration  
Arlington Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated October 16, 1939, received by this Bureau from one Essie Hicks, 1818 Philip Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

In view of the fact that this letter appears to pertain to the fraudulent cashing of compensation checks, her letter is being referred to you for appropriate attention and I have advised the correspondent of this reference.

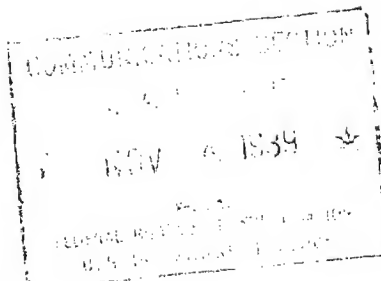
In the event any investigation is desired relative to this matter, I will appreciate it if you will advise me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Crowl .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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*Jim*

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cc Veterans Admin  
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New Orleans La -

Oct, 16, 1939.

Bureau Of Investigation.

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Dear Sir: 62-32509-2

In Close you will find some valuable information that may be of some help to your dept, there is a negro woman who is receiving checks every month from a world war veteran who is dead. she is using the man's name. this man's lawful wife is living out in the country. this woman has children for the dead man. this woman is boasting about the checks that she receives and is a woman whose character is not very good. she is hanging around Beer Parlors. I don't know her name but I know where she is living. I also know of a man that is supposed to be disabled a world war veteran and receives his checks every month and he is working. he throws a big Beer Drinking every month when he receives his check. And a lot of about some doctors and

Copy - O. L. Leno

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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midwives that perform Abortions  
on women. here in this town  
And elsewhere in this state. I have  
been an operative making Investa-  
-gation for an Agency here for about  
20 years. I would like to be  
Connected with your Department.  
Any help from you will be hily  
Appreciated. I would love to uncover  
a lot of this injustice.

hoping to hear from your  
Department soon.

I Am 5 ft 4. And weigh 115 Good  
eye sight And a Negro.  
yours Truly.

Bessie <sup>Hickes</sup> Hicks.  
1818 Philip St

COPY

New Orleans, La -  
Oct, 16, 1939.

Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir.

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Hoping to hear from your department soon.

I am 5 ft 4 and weigh 115 good eye sight and a negro.

Yours truly,

Bessie Hicks  
1818 Philip St.

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October 25, 1939

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The Honorable  
The Secretary of the Navy  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

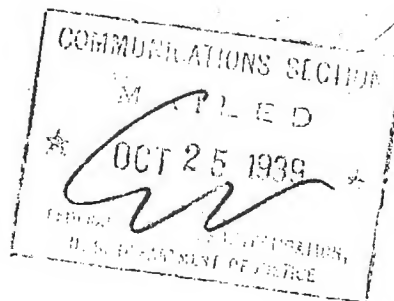
There is attached hereto a letter addressed to you which was enclosed with an anonymous communication received by this Bureau on October 16, 1939, in which there was a request that the enclosure be forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Crowl.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Sears.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....



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October 25, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

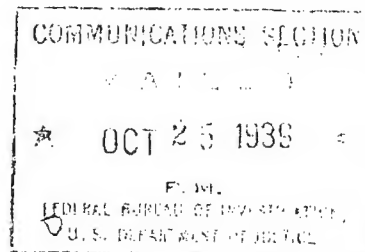
There are enclosed copies of an anonymous communication recently received at the Bureau, and it is desired that you furnish copies of this communication to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures

Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
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Mr. Glavin.....  
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Mr. Lester.....  
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Mr. Nichols.....  
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Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....



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1308 Masonic Temple Bldg.,  
New Orleans, La.  
Oct. 13, 1939.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: JAMES MONROE SMITH, with alias;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 10, 1939, and to the report of Special Agent PETER HOEHL dated October 9, 1939, wherein you advise that MR. WALTER H. BELL, Vice President of the Manufacturers National Bank, is holding one \$500 bill and eight \$100 bills in the event they are necessary in the prosecution of this case.

In connection with your request that you be notified as to whether or not it is necessary for MR. BELL to retain possession of this currency, I telephonically communicated with MR. RENE A. VIOGCA, U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, at which time MR. VIOGCA advised as far as the Federal Government is concerned he sees no reason for the retention of the above mentioned currency. He stated, however, that the State of Louisiana may desire the above mentioned bills be held for use in their prosecutions which are pending against MR. SMITH on a charge of embezzlement, however, he did not feel that he should take the liberty of reporting this matter to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana.

It is suggested that contact be made with MR. BELL and advise him of the attitude of the U. S. Attorney in this district, and suggest that he may desire to communicate with the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana in connection with the currency which he is now holding.

Very truly yours,

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A. P. Kitchin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 30, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

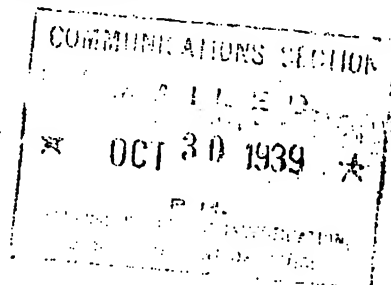
There are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous communication dated October 9, 1939, which has been received at the Bureau along with photostatic copies of the enclosure to the letter.

The Bureau suggests that copies of these be furnished to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
THROUGH ENVELOPE ATTACHED

# Washington-Youree

OPERATED BY THE WASHINGTON-YOUREE HOTEL CO., INC.

Shreveport, Louisiana

October 9, 1939.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy

There are many of us in this State who wish to see justice triumph in all matters. The officials of this State will never provide justice for us and we have only the Federal Government to look to.

The Roman Catholic Church in New Orleans and Orleans Parish is stronger in Membership than all the other churches and tho' I am a Christian still I do not let my religion interfere with my political life.

Mr. or Robert S. Maestri and Archbishop Rummel (both of New Orleans) together with others, are very much involved in the Connally "hot oil" deal. Maestri has not been indicted simply because to do so will automatically show up Rummel. Both of these men are Roman Catholics as are your agent Murphy and Jim Farley is using his utmost influence in this investigation. This angle of the "hot oil" deal is openly discussed by the people, - in other words it is no secret. I do not know what your religion is, but regardless of that, I believe you wish this investigation to serve it's purpose and see that justice is carried out. If this is done you will have to put the matter into the hands of one who is not a member of the Roman Catholic Church!

I am sorry this letter has to be anonymous, but since I am not an "official investigator" I cannot afford to sign my name. With the proper investigation the above statements will prove to be true.

*Rec'd  
Oct 30 1939  
Mr. Tolson*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

OCT 13 1939

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*W. J. [Signature]*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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October 9, 1939

Time: 6:45 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

I called SAC Kitchin at New Orleans in connection with a news ticker item to the effect that on a warrant issued by Federal authorities in Louisiana, Frank Costello was arrested today. He is described as being the operator of the Pelican Novelty Company of New Orleans.

In answer to my inquiry, Mr. Kitchin stated he had heard nothing about such an arrest and was not aware that Costello was in New Orleans. Inasmuch as the story was pretty garbled, I told Mr. Kitchin it is possible that Costello was arrested in New York and not in New Orleans, and that as long as the Bureau Office in New Orleans has had nothing to do with this, it would not be necessary to make a check on the story.

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. TAMM

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FILES ONE

1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
October 10, 1939

Honorable Rene A. Viosca  
United States Attorney  
Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;  
Information Concerning.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith certified copies of petitions forwarded to this office by an unnamed correspondent, evidently complaining of the political corruption in and around Lake Charles, Louisiana. There are also attached hereto several rough notes that are apparently anonymous, which were likewise received with this communication.

A careful perusal of the documents attached do not reflect any violation over which this Bureau would have investigative jurisdiction. Therefore, this matter is being referred to you for such disposition as you may desire to make of same.

Very truly yours,

APK  
PMH  
62-978  
Encls.

A. P. KITCHIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: ☒ Bureau

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1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
October 6, 1939

Hon. Rene A. Viosca  
United States Attorney  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;  
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

In accordance with past procedure, there is being submitted to you, attached hereto, a letter with a list of land allegedly purchased by the Jefferson Parish School Board, the letter dated October 3, 1939 signed "Jeffersonian", which were received at this office.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OCT 10 1939  
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"COPY"

Jefferson Parish, La.  
October 3, 1939

Mr. Paul Kitchen  
F. B. I. Agent  
Masonic Temple  
New Orleans, La.

Will you please come to the aid of the citizens of Jefferson Parish by conducting an investigation of Federal projects. Such an investigation would serve to uncover abuse of State as well as Federal funds. This parish is in the clutches of unscrupulous politicians; most deplorable of all, the schools are the greatest sufferers. There are indications that State and Federal labor and materials have been used for the benefit of private individuals, among them members of the school board. The abuses that exist are too numerous to mention in full, but the following are among them:

"Kick-back" on teachers' salaries to pay the cost of special courses for politically picked favorites being prepared for highly-paid supervisory positions.

Present assistant superintendent attended university in day time (while being paid as assistant superintendent) in order to meet educational requirements for position

Supervisory positions created for political favorites with little or no training and experience. These favorites are paid their salaries for twelve months, while teachers are paid for nine or ten months.

Teachers with higher degrees are being paid less than the carpenters and bus drivers; the explanation in the case of the latter being that the school board members own the buses (not the drivers, as the public believes) and pay the men who drive them only a small fraction of the amount budgeted for the purpose.

Promotions and salaries are based on political favoritism rather than on qualifications, seniority etc. As a result, principals in many cases are less well qualified and capable than those who work under them.

Board members are allowed to collect as much as \$15 per meeting.

Too many members of various boards in the parish are prospering far too rapidly.

In October, 1939 a special 3 mill tax was voted for the building of schools. What was actually done with the money was to purchase land from politicians regardless of suitability of location etc at fabulous prices. The majority of the citizens are in ignorance of this. In the meantime the schools are overcrowded to the point of danger.

Please help us, or place this letter into the hands of one who can and will do so.

Gratefully  
Jeffersonian

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Land purchased by Jefferson Parish School Board as per minutes of board meeting of April 28, 1939 as published in the Jefferson Democrat for Saturday August 26, 1939.

1. Olary Tract, 30 acres, Jefferson Highway near waterworks, - -	\$68,000.00
2. Odum property, on West Bank, Third Ward, 30 acres - - - -	63,500.00
3. Lake Shore, "East End" one square - - - - -	12,000.00
4. Vic. Pitre, Westwego, 150'X257 on Fozante St. sq. 47- - - -	28,000.00
5. A. F. Davis, 6 lots sq. 66, McDonoughville, (Gretna) - - - -	2,350.00
6. Estate Virginia Scott, Lots 2 & 3 in sq. #30 Brooklyn (Gretna)	950.00
7. W. B. Packard, Jr. Lots 2 & 3 in sq. #30 Brooklyn (Gretna)	1,550.00
8. Mrs. F. J. Tillotson, Lot #8, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 9 in sq. 30 in Mechanicksham (Gretna) - - - - -	1,500.00
9. Vernon J. Wilty, 2 lots ground Lots 5-6, sq. 44 in Mechanicksham (Gretna) Ward Third - - - - -	1,650.00
10. Vernon J. Wilty, lots 1-2-3-4-7-8-9-10 & part of lots 5 & 11 (220X250) - - - - -	22,000.00
11. Estate Gas Dauenhauer- Mechanicksham (Gretna) 175' on Cuvier or Weyer St. X 125 ft. on Tenth, lots 14-15-16-17-18 - - - -	7,000.00
12. Estate Gas Dauenhauer -Mechanicksham Lots 6 & 12 of sq. #31 (30X150 on Huey Long Ave. & Eighth St.) - - - - -	3,500.00
13. Estate Gas Dauenhauer -Mechanicksham (Gretna) sq. 31 Huey Long Ave. 50 X250 - - - - -	5,000.00
14. Hermon Gaudet, in 4th Ward (10 acres) - - - - -	21,000.00
15. Mercedes Adam, 300 X 375 ft. - - - - -	7,500.00
16. Theogene Belson (6th Ward) 30 X 125 Bayou Barataria - - - -	1,600.00
17. Estate Isadore Fisher, 45 X 500 Bayou Barataria (later canceled)	3,200.00
18. Jos. Graf, Crown Point 50 X 120 - - - - -	3,500.00
19. Klebert Roger 96 X 284 near Fisher #1 School - - - - -	2,000.00
20. Ernest Conzelmann 96 X 1000 for negro school- - - - -	2,000.00

Account of land purchases by Jefferson Parish School Board as per minutes of board meeting of May 18, 1939 as published in the Jefferson Democrat for Saturday September 16, 1939.

1. From L. W. Higgins Oakdale Sub. Plots 4,5,6,7,8,&9 of Farm Block #4 fronting on Whitney Ave. containing 18 acres - - - - -	16,200.00
2. from L. Hermon Gaudet, 2 acres, Fifth Ward in rear School property - - - - -	2,500.00
3. from J.N. Franklin, lots 11 & 12 in sq. 15 of new Gretna - - - -	1,450.00
4. 7 (Mr. Hotard) Block 57 bounded by 14th. 15th & Cuvier Sts. and the 16 foot strip adjoining Nichols Ave. consisting of lots 1 to 24 - - - - -	5,000.00
5. in village of Mechanicksham in sq. No. 2 designated as lot No. 8, lot measures 46 feet 4 inches and 6 lines on H.P. Long Ave. X 125' deep for - - - - -	33,000

(The above lot to be used for School for Sight Saving Classes)

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6.	from Oliver Adam 25 ft. x 125 ft. on Bayou Barataria - - - -	1,600.00
7.	" Mr. & Mrs. Leon Nunez 25 X 125 ft. - - - - -	400.00
8.	" Mrs. A. Adam 25 X 340 ft. - - - - -	1,000.00

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Land purchased by Jefferson Parish School Board as per minutes of board meeting of May 18, as published in the Jefferson Democrat for Saturday September 16, 1939.

1. from Laurecella & Co. Lots No. 1 to 18 in sq. No. 130 in the subdivision known as Shrewsbury subdivision for - - - - - 12,000.00
  2. from "Riviere family (Metairie Road & Lake Ave. Carrollton St. "Riviere Est." - - - - - 35,000.00
  3. from Mrs. R. Alexander land on Clay St. thru to Webster St. and bounded on the South by property of J. Bautsch & on North by Kanner Lumber Co. property for - - - - - 11,000.00
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1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
October 6, 1939

Honorable Rene A. Viosca  
United States Attorney  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;  
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that J. NOBLE WHITE, United States Probation Officer for the Western District of Louisiana, advised this office that there had been brought to his attention by one of the leading businessmen in the town of Columbia, Louisiana the probable existence of misappropriation of federal funds in connection with the payment of school teachers' salaries. At this time he indicated that his informant was GUY ALFORD, owner of the Brown-Alford Drug Company, Columbia, Louisiana, and would be glad to go into the matter with government representatives.

Mr. WHITE was contacted for further information in this matter, and he advised that the only further information he could furnish in the matter was that the Federal Vocational Fund which was handled through the office of T. H. Harris at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, furnished federal aid to assist in the payment of Louisiana school teachers' salaries.

This information is being referred to your office in connection with the present investigations in progress, and for reference to the proper investigative agency.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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October 14, 1939

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Mr. Howard W. Kail  
88 M. V. Mercury  
c/o Globe Refinery  
Lemont, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kail:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 6, 1939, concerning the murder of Phil Carey in New Orleans.

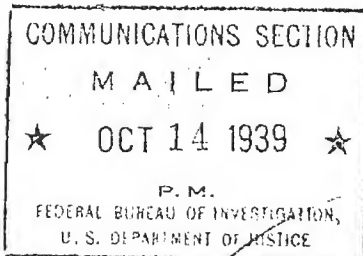
I wish to advise that I have carefully perused the contents of your letter and fail to note therein a violation within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, and I am, therefore, unable to be of assistance to you in the matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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October 6, 1939

M. V. Mercury

Mr. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Phil Carey has been the third National Maritime Union (N.M.U.) member to be murdered in New Orleans, Louisiana (the other two being Homer Ferguson and John Signick.)

They were murdered by a group of men so rather "rats" known trying to gain control of our union by terrorism such as these killing and other brutal tactics which have been used against our most militant union men and others also.

The New Orleans Police force they are anti-union and they are anti-anything but to keep it and have been lax in their investigation of these murders, even after admitting to them, and knowing some of this group according to the local New Orleans press.

Therefore we request that you place your investigation of the Louisiana Police.

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October 16, 1939

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Mr. Ralph R. Scurlock  
SS Fletcher Farrell  
c/o Sinclair Navigation Company  
Box 2411  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Scurlock:

This will acknowledge receipt of the letter dated October 5, 1939, together with enclosures, signed by you and other members of the crew of the SS Fletcher Farrell, concerning the murder of Phillip Carey in New Orleans, Louisiana.

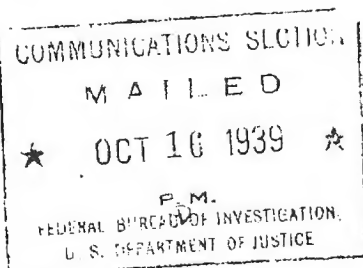
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# **COWARDS NEVER GAVE HIM A CHANCE**

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Philip Carey



**MURDERED** September 17, 1939



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**MARITIME UNION**  
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Chain Gang Beats. Shoots  
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Houston, Texas  
Oct. 5th, 1939

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

FED. BU. OF INV.

Dear Sir:

The undersigned members of the National Maritime Union have always had respect for you and your efforts to bring justice to those who need it. We are reluctant to write appraising you of the situation that exists in one section of our country because we feel that you are fully aware of just what is going on there, but we feel that you could be of some material assistance to us--now when we need it.

The city of New Orleans, Louisiana has had the reputation of being one of the most corrupt cities in the entire world. Not only politically corrupt but morally as well. We think it is time the F.B.I. stepped in and took a hand. We have had some trying experiences lately--not only with the courts but also with the local police. Organized gangsters roam the streets armed with short lengths of chain and guns intimidating our union members. Murder has been done as recently as Sept. 17, 1939 when William Carey, one of our Gulf District Officials was cold bloodedly slain at Lee's Circle--the heart of one of the busiest sections of the city. Prior to that, John Syranik, a kid about twenty years old, was beaten to death on the corner opposite the Post Office. Nobody was ever arrested nor even questioned, to our knowledge. Either the local police are unable to cope with this situation or else they are reluctant to do anything for fear they may step on somebody's toes. We are inclined to believe the latter. In any case we feel that in such an emergency the Bureau is legally and morally responsible to see that these acts of violence are stopped and order is again restored. We are enclosing a clipping taken from the Sept. 22nd issue of our official paper, "The Pilot" which gives an accurate account of the latest outbreaks.

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Thanking you in advance and wishing you success, we are--

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J. E. Howell

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M. Dillon

Tony Polos

Ram. Gonzalez

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R. Sabuena

E. J. Culler

B. J. Hubert

Martin L. Walters

E. J. Cunningham

John Wetters

Very truly yours,

Crew of SS. Fletcher  
Sinclair Navigation Co. Inc.  
Box 2411  
Houston, Texas

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Wm. J. J. J.

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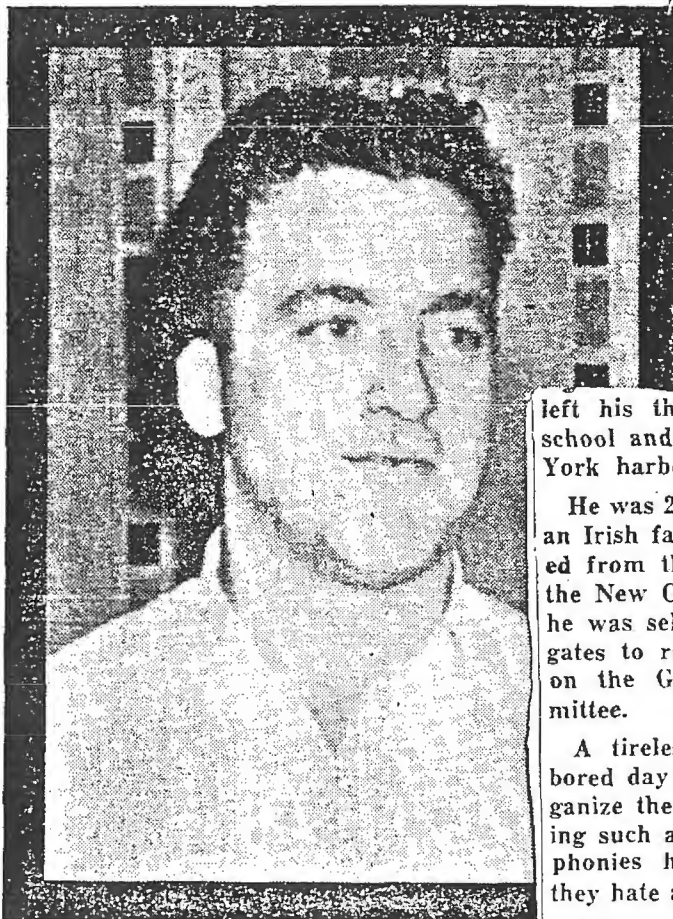
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October 11, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed copies of an anonymous, undated communication received at the Bureau October 5, 1939, concerning tax stamps.

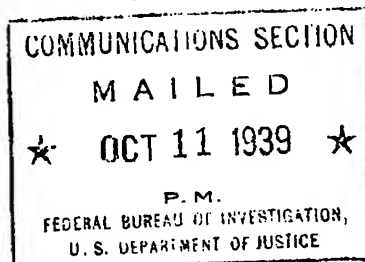
The Bureau desires that you furnish copies of this communication to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
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A Chicago company called Meyercord, who has been supplying the State of Louisiana with its tax stamps for cigarette packages and liquor bottles, stocked up the State with approximately a four year supply and at prices far in excess of what the State could have made their purchases for elsewhere.

This was the result of a financial deal with Alice Lee Grosjean.

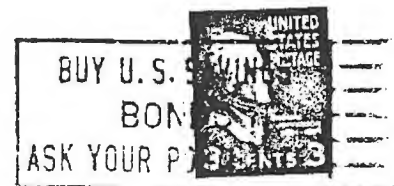
It would be well to look into the situation because there is a feeling in quarters that know that the stamps on hand and paid for by the State of Louisiana cannot be used.

So many reports are circulated concerning indictments of Louisiana officials it occurred, therefore, to this anonymous writer that an investigation may be advisable in the matter of the transactions above referred to.

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*Reade, J. B.*  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D. C.

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DIRECTOR

RE LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. FORMER  
GOVERNOR RICHARD W. LECHE AND MONTE E. HART, ALSO LEON C. WEISS,  
JULIUS DREYFOUS AND SOLIS SEIFERTH, MEMBERS OF FIRM OF WEISS,  
DREYFOUS AND SEIFERTH, ARCHITECTS, WERE INDICTED TODAY BY LINCOLN  
PARISH GRAND JURY AT RUSTON, LOUISIANA ON CHARGES OF OBTAINING  
MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES AND OPERATING A CONFIDENCE GAME  
IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF LECHE HALL AT LOUISIANA  
POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE IN RUSTON. BOND WAS FIXED FOR ALL  
DEFENDANTS ~~XXXX~~ AT FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH AND WARRANTS  
ARE EXPECTED TO BE SERVED MONDAY

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400 U. S. Court House  
Buffalo, N.Y.

October 2, 1939

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Mr. William C. Brasuell  
M & T Bldg.  
Buffalo, N.Y.

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Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of a copy of your letter dated September 28, 1939 to the Hon. W. C. Andrews, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., commending the work of this Bureau in the investigation in the state of Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

W. V. McLAUGHLIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
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Sept. 18, 1933

Wm. W. Andrews  
c/o House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:  
At your own instance I believe it would be  
advisable in order for you to command the personnel of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation for the special work they have  
done in bringing to justice the contemptible band of desperadoes  
in Louisiana. It is an honor and a privilege to be associated  
with investigators to know we have one department that will not  
allow anyone to go free without being brought to justice.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Brewster

Please be assured you have my full respect.

W. C. Brewster

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Time: 10:55 a.m.

September 23, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While in telephonic communication with Mr. Matthew McGuire, I was informed that it has been suggested that he talk with Welly Hopkins, Mr. Schweinhaut and myself about some hot oil case and a remark alleged to have been made by Mr. Rogge in New Orleans. Mr. McGuire has to see the Secretary of the Interior on Monday or Tuesday. I told him I would be glad to meet with them at any time.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

See that they don't  
juggle us into handling  
something which either  
has been initiated & fumbled  
by another agency or is too  
hot for someone else.

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September 22, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There is quoted below for your information a telegram dated September 15, 1939, received in this Bureau from Mr. Tom W. Dutton, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
The people of this state are intensely anxious  
for Mr. Rogge to stay on the job and I impore  
you personally to use your influence to that end.  
He has done a good deal to restore public confidence in Louisiana, and, in the good intent of  
The Federal Government, your department is to be  
congratulated on the recent convictions. Kind  
personal regard to you and Hugh Clegg."

/s/ Tom W. Dutton"

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
September 22, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

AIR MAIL -  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Re: LOUISIANA POLITICS

Dear Sir:

The caucus of the Louisiana Democratic Party meeting in Baton Rouge today nominated Governor EARL K. LONG as its candidate for the Governorship for the next election, which is to be held in January 1940. This action was expected generally, and virtually assures the reelection of LONG as Governor, since the Louisiana Democratic Party is the official political organization in the State. The caucus also nominated the following individuals for the offices mentioned:

HARVEY PELTIER of Thibodaux, Louisiana for the position of Lieutenant-Governor;  
Present City Attorney FRANCIS P. BURNS for the office of State Attorney General;  
EARL J. CHRISTENSEN of New Orleans, who is presently the State Publicity representative at Washington, for the office of State Treasurer;  
Secretary of State EUGENE A. CONWAY of Shreveport for reelection to that office;  
State Auditor L. BUARD BAYNARD of Alexandria for reelection;  
State Registrar of Land Office, Miss LUCILLE MAY GRACE of Baton Rouge, for reelection;  
State Superintendent of Education THOMAS H. HARRIS of Baton Rouge for reelection;  
State Commissioner of Agriculture HARRY D. WILSON of Rose-land, Louisiana for reelection.

THOMAS H. HARRIS has been Superintendent of Education for the past 32 years, and HARRY D. WILSON has held the position of Commissioner of Agriculture for the past 28 years.

Mayor MAESTRI of New Orleans apparently did not attend the caucus of the party, nor did ex-Governor RICHARD LECHE, SEYMOUR WEISS, or any of the others whose names have come up in the Federal investigations here in New Orleans.

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I thought that you would be interested in receiving this information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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New Orleans, Louisiana  
September 22, 1939

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

The following quoted anonymous letter was received at New Orleans, Louisiana, by O. John Rogge, Chief of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, a short time ago, the exact date of which is unknown as the letter is undated and the envelope in which it came was destroyed before this matter was referred to this office:

"O. JOHN..ROGGE,

THE Lawyers here all believe you are Right.  
Millionaires are still able to pay their way out; as long as there are Rubber Stamp Judges.

If I were you I would investigate how Much the Man Harris  
Burfords Lawyer was, and see if he did not Split with Judge  
Davidson.

As Judge Davidson showed he was BIASSED PREJUDICED AND URSUPLY  
INFLUENCED And he must have been BRIBED, as so m ny Judges both  
Federal and State are being done NOW.; Espacially where it is a  
BIG MILLIONAIRE IN THE CASE

Found out what HARRAS' s FEE in and you will find he SPLIT WITH  
JUDGE DAVIDSON.

While you are in Texas, if you want' to find out where the \$ 15,000.00  
KIDNAP Money that Katherine Kelley paid to W. P. McLean and Walter B.  
Scott to defend Old Man Shannon.; you will find it HID AWAY in the  
Vaults of the Union Bank & Trust Company here in Forth Worth, of  
which Dan. E. Lydick is Presed/ent, and who STANDS in with them  
In all their BIG STEALS. if you are wise and VERY SIERED you will  
locate it in said Bank

Lawyer Laskey of Denver Colorado is serving 10 years for taking  
\$10,000.00 of it. to defend one of the Kidnapers. in the Famous  
Charles Urschel Case W. P. McLean and Walter B. Scott got 15,000.00  
of it from Katherine Kelley. to defend Shannon. W. P. McLean got  
drunk and bragged about how he went himself out to the Shannon Farm.  
and she paid it to him.

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If you will keep close watch on Judge Davidson, Investments and his  
BANK accounts or his wives, you may yet find out about it all."

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To the Dallas Office, 9/22/39

There is apparently no investigation to be conducted with reference to the letter quoted. It is, however, being referred to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT,  
Special Agent in Charge

CSD:sh  
cc Bureau ✓

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

September 19, 1939

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5:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File*

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SAC Conroy called from Dallas in regard to the case involving Freeman Burford, Richard Leche and Seymour Weiss in New Orleans. He advised that Assistant U. S. Attorney Robert Weinstein of New Orleans yesterday morning called U. S. Attorney Clyde O. Eastus in Dallas and stated that he was talking for Assistant Attorney General O. John Rogge. Mr. Weinstein advised that Freeman Burford had a divorce suit in Dallas about a year ago and that a hearing is being held on this matter in Dallas at the present time. He stated that it is probable that testimony will be introduced in that hearing relative to the disposition of certain monies that will be contrary to the testimony that Freeman Burford gave at the time a writ of habeas corpus was sworn out for his release.

Mr. Conroy advised that Mr. Eastus stated that Mr. Weinstein had asked him to get information regarding the testimony given at the hearing. Mr. Conroy stated that he is not sure why this information is wanted, but that probably it will be used against Burford in New Orleans or will be used to indict him in Dallas for perjury. Mr. Conroy stated that Mr. Eastus requested him to obtain the desired information.

I advised Mr. Conroy that Burford was charged with oil irregularities, which matter was handled by the Federal Tender Board; that this Board should therefore conduct all relative investigation. I advised him that it has been the policy of the Bureau to let the agency that handled the substantive investigation conduct all supplementary investigations.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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*Director  
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New Orleans, La.  
Sept. 21, 1939.

AIRMAIL-SPECIAL  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: U. S. ATTORNEY HARVEY G. FIELDS;  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA.

Dear Sir:

I wrote the Bureau some time ago in detail concerning the background and activities of U. S. Attorney HARVEY G. FIELDS.

Some time ago MR. FIELDS' son was arrested on an assault or rape charge, brought about by an eighteen year old girl, at Minden, La. The charge was dismissed and it was informally understood that MR. FIELDS, SR., had agreed to pay the college tuition of the young lady as consideration for dismissing the charges. This, however, has never been verified, and is merely a rumor.

It now appears that the charge of rape against HARVEY G. FIELDS, JR., has been revived, and that individual has been arrested and is presently incarcerated in the Parish Jail at Minden in default of bond. This naturally resulted in newspaper publicity, and apparently charges were made that FIELDS, SR., through his influence when the crime first was allegedly committed, kept the matter out of the newspapers. I am enclosing herewith a clipping from the Shreveport, La. Journal dated September 16, 1939, giving the facts concerning the incarceration of FIELDS, JR. I am enclosing also a clipping from the same newspaper of the same date concerning the details of the statement by U. S. Attorney FIELDS alleging that the arrest of his son and reviving such charges was due to his official activity as U. S. Attorney.

On September 18, 1939, Special Agent W. L. PARKER, who is one of the resident agents at Shreveport, in a conversation on official business with MR. FIELDS, was told by U. S. Attorney FIELDS that early the previous week he received a long distance call from one of the defense attorneys in the mail fraud case against SEYMOUR WEISS, JAMES MONROE SMITH, MONIE HART, ET AL. It appears that this defense attorney called from New Orleans, and according to MR. FIELDS' statements, told MR. FIELDS that he, the attorney, had overheard a conversation in which it was plotted to revive the charges against FIELDS' son; that this action would take place in the event FIELDS did not "loosen up" on in-

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vestigations. U. S. Attorney FIELDS did not advise Agent PARKER of the identity of this attorney, although he did tell agent he knew who the attorney was. U. S. Attorney FIELDS also stated that he submitted a full report concerning the matter to Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE.

I thought that the Bureau would be interested in having all of these facts concerning the current difficulties which U. S. Attorney FIELDS and his family are in. This office, of course, is conducting no inquiry or investigation concerning any phase of this matter.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
October 5, 1939

Honorable Rene A. Viosca  
United States Attorney  
Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

DR. B. W. GENTRY, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that Edward Burke, 1040 South Genois Street, who is Superintendent of the New Basin Canal, had on various occasions in the past taken materials destined to be used in the construction of the New Basin Canal for his personal use and that such materials had been used by him in building a home at the above address, which home is valued at \$12,000.00.

Dr. Gentry further indicated that he believed Burke was receiving rebates and kick-backs from various laborers and other employees under his supervision. Gentry admitted he had personal reasons for furnishing this information to the Government in that he was a political opponent of Burke.

This information is being submitted to you for reference to the proper investigating agency.

Very truly yours,

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A. P. KITCHIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 23, 1939

Mr. Tom W. Dutton  
1849 North  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dutton:

Upon my return to Washington I received your telegram of September 15, 1939, concerning the attitude of the people of Louisiana toward Mr. Rogge, and advising that they were anxious to have him continue his work in that state.

I deeply appreciate the commendatory remarks contained in your telegram regarding the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I trust that our efforts will continue to merit your esteem.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc - cc - New Orleans  
(With copy of incoming  
telegram)

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J EDGAR HOOVER, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE ARE INTENSELY ANXIOUS FOR  
MR ROGGE TO STAY ON THE JOB AND I IMPORE YOU  
PERSONALLY TO USE YOUR INFLUENCE TO THAT END HE HAS  
DONE A GOOD DEAL TO RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN  
LOUISIANA AND IN THE GOOD INTENT OF THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT YOUR DEPARTMENT IS TO BE CONGRATULATED  
ON THE RECENT CONVICTIONS KIND PERSONAL REGARDS TO  
YOU AND HUGH CLEGG

TOM W DUTTON.

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1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
September 6, 1939

Honorable Rene A. Viosca  
United States Attorney  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS IN LOUISIANA

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing for your information and your files a photostatic copy of a letter received from one R. L. Walden, Route 3, Ashdown, Arkansas, together with a photostatic copy of the enclosure he refers to in that communication.

This letter was received at the Washington headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was forwarded here.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
September 6, 1939

Director  
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Washington, D. C.

AIR MAIL

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;  
Information Concerning

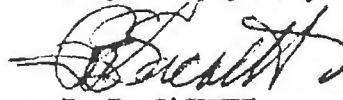
Dear Sir:

This is for the purpose of advising the Bureau that this office, about two weeks ago, completed all investigation pursuant to requests received from Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE, and which were approved by the Bureau, in connection with the above matter.

Since that time this office has made no investigations nor is it conducting any inquiries relative to any phase of the matter at the present time.

Reports have long since been submitted on investigative activities in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,



B. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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Original in file - Louisiana

1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
September 15, 1939

Hon. O. John Rogge  
Assistant Attorney General  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;  
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Mr. Harry Costello furnished information to the Bureau and the Department in Washington to the effect that L. E. Brownson, 3209 Laurel Street, New Orleans, telephone Jackson 2221-W, a public-minded citizen, is anxious to help the Federal Government but is fearful for his life. Costello indicated that Brownson had information concerning Louisiana matters.

In this interview Costello indicated that Brownson claimed Mrs. Alfredo Blanco, 1341 Esplanade Avenue, telephone Crescent 3539, widow of the late Consul of Bolivia, could tell something which would tie up with Shushan. That by investigating the history of the Emerald Oil Company, some line can be gotten on William Hollis and Robert Maestri.

In addition to the foregoing matter, there is attached hereto a letter addressed to you which was received by this office, dated September 11, 1939 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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New Orleans, La.  
September 11, 1939.

Mr. O. John Mogge,  
Department of Justice,

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.

Gentlemen:

This joint communication, for obvious reasons, is unsigned. The information however, is the whole truth, and is given you direct by an eye witness.

On Monday afternoon, September 4th, 1939, Seymour Weiss' brother, known as "Johnny Weiss", employed by the Godchaux Company, departed from the Roosevelt Hotel and caught the 5.10 P.M. plane for Houston, Texas.

At the time of his departure from the hotel, Johnny Weiss was carrying an enormous roll of what appeared to be bills of large denomination which he placed in his right hand trouser pocket and kept his right hand over that pocket until he drove away in a private auto. He also carried a formidable looking weapon in a holster suspended from his shoulder on his left side.

The party who drove Johnny Weiss to the air port is not well known to me but I have since had him identified as O.A. Morvant, also known as "Bob Morvant", a member of the Louisiana Legislature, and Roosevelt hotel hangeron.

Of course, eye witnesses at the time had no knowledge of why Weiss was departing for Houston Texas, armed, and carrying a large sum of money in bills, but some of these eye witnesses were heard discussing the incident after Weiss had departed.

This information is not based on rumor or a desire to waste the time of the Department of Justice employees who are doing an excellent job in the present fight for justice against fraud and chicanery. What I have stated in the foregoing is absolutely true and correct and maybe be verified as to the person described herein, time of his departure, and his means of transportation from the city, and the destination of the plane. Beyond that, I can tell you no more, and I now place the matter in your capable hands.

Other information will be brought to your attention if and when similar incidents occur.

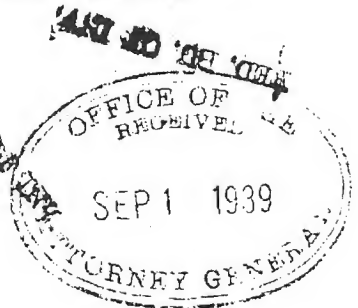
Well Wisher.

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# The Huey P. Long Democratic Association

COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA

Aug. 29, 1939.



Hon. Frank Murphy, Atty. General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The clippings herewith may serve to acquaint you with the reflections of the inarticulate masses of Louisiana...voices that cannot be heard via the Vox Populi columns of the oil lubricated press of this state. Only yesterday, the Shreveport Times carried a half page ad...or congratulatory message, from Freeman L. Murford, President, ~~East Texas Refining Co.~~ I am sure your office has a file on "Hot Oil" Murford.

I wish something would be done to clear up the mysterious ~~slaying~~ of Senator Huey P. Long and other mysterious deaths following his passing, to wit: Gov. and Senator-Dominic, Allen, in Jan, '36, one week after being nominated to the U. S. Senate. His sister, Mrs. Mattie ~~Troyles~~, Shreveport, La, told me in person that her brother was poisoned. About two months later, State Senator Anderson was killed in motor accident...steering wheel had been tampered with....About two month later, Harry Williams met his death in an airplane wreck at Baton Rouge...reported the work of a saboteur.... All the aforementioned were ardent followers of Huey Long....No more mysterious deaths and near tragedies till the beginning of the present investigation...the near approach to another state wide primary.

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As a fervent New Dealer and admirer of Frank ~~Murphy~~, I am a member of the party...And for the sake of justice, I believe I am reflecting the sentiments and wish of thousands when asking that a Federal investigation should be started about the Huey Long assassination....I do not believe I am afraid to say, think the plot was laid in Washington. I am afraid the republicans will waste political capital out of it before the next national election.

With kind regards and justice for all, I am

A. Hazard ~~Ferry~~,  
Vice-Chairman, Red River Parish Dem. Ex. Committee.

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LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. FEDERAL GRAND JURY  
CONVENED FOR ONE DAY YESTERDAY AND MAY RECONVENE ~~XXXX~~ FRIDAY.  
O. JOHN ROGGE ADVISED GRAND JURY HEARD TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES TO GET  
THEIR STATEMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR TRIAL OF PENDING CASES. ROGGE  
ADVISED THAT JAMES MONROE SMITH WILL PLEAD GUILTY TO ALL FEDERAL  
INDICTMENTS IF STATE AUTHORITIES WILL MAKE STATE SENTENCES CONCURRENT  
THEREWITH. HE FURTHER ADVISED TRIAL BRIEFS ARE BEING PREPARED ON  
CASES TO BE TRIED SEPTEMBER FIFTH NEXT.

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cc to Mr. Jones

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Hon. Frank Murphy, Atty. General,  
Washington,  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

New Orleans, Louisiana  
September 1, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS -  
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a copy of the Farmers' Friend,  
which is the September edition of the newspaper published  
at Hammond, Louisiana, by the Louisiana Farmers' Protective  
Union, Inc. This is being forwarded for the information of  
the Bureau.

Very truly yours,



B. E. SACKETT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Sears \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Very truly yours,

In connection with the automobile accident  
 involving Mrs. Rogers and your two children near Galveston,  
 Texas, on the evening of August 23, 1939, I wish to advise  
 that Chief of Police L. B. Waddox, Beaumont, Texas, informed  
 the Dallas Field Division of this Bureau on August 25, 1939,  
 to the effect a negro by the name of Alex Alexander of Minde,  
 Texas, called at the office of the Chief of Police, Beaumont,  
 Texas, and informed him that he had seen the automobile  
 accident and was willing to testify in behalf of Mrs. Rogers.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROGGE

September 14, 1939

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
DALLAS, TEXAS

August 30, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has no doubt been advised of the automobile accident in which were involved the wife and two children of Assistant Attorney General O. J. ROGGE near Galveston, Texas, on the evening of August 23, 1939.

Chief of Police L. B. MADDOX, Beaumont, Texas, on August 25, 1939, informed me that a negro by the name of ALEX ALEXANDER, of Winnie, Texas, had called at his office and informed him that he had seen the automobile accident in which Mrs. ROGGE was involved; that ALEXANDER was willing to testify in behalf of Mrs. ROGGE.

The above information is being furnished to the Bureau for any action it might deem appropriate.

Very truly yours

E. E. COLEBY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc San Antonio

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DIRECTOR

LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS INFORMATION CONCERNING. MONTE E HART  
AND SUMMA CALDWELL OF THE FIRM OF CALDWELL BROTHERS AND HART NEW  
ORLEANS LOUISIANA WERE INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY NEW ORLEANS  
TO DAY FOR CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF THE PWA GEOLOGY BUILDING ON THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.  
THE INDICTMENT INCLUDED FIVE COUNTS AND CHARGED FRAUD IN THAT EXTRA  
ITEMS WERE CHARGED WHICH WERE IN FACT NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT.

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August 25, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith two photostatic  
copies of the following letters which were received in the  
Bureau:

One undated letter to the Director signed "Murph."

One letter dated July 11, 1939, to the Attorney General  
signed "Miss Agnes E. Lewis"

One anonymous letter addressed to Assistant United  
States Attorney Rogge under date of August 1, 1939,  
a copy of which was furnished this Bureau by the  
Department, together with enclosed newspaper clippings.

It is desired that you furnish one copy of each to  
U. S. Attorney Rene A. Viosca.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director

Harold Nathan  
Assistant Director

Enclosures



Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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J. Edgar Hoover.  
Washington D.C.

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Mr. Gurnea .....  
Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. Pennington .....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Hello old timer I note with interest you have your hands full with the SHARE THE Wealth out fit in this City.

I think if you get organized properly you will be able to link this bunch with whole sale Smuggling of Alcohol Dope and other controband good as well as Aliens.

I no of two cases inpartictular whereas they wer raided on January 2nd 1932 over a half million dollars worth of goods wer seized by the customs and these birds wer never brought to trial, as pressure was brought to bear and the records in the Custom House wer altered to read the goods seized wer of no value.

If you will look up the back files of the Times Picayune on this date you will get the low down on this wholesal raid,.

The two men in cinnection with this raid inform me they wer immune from arrest and would never go to trial.

The question is how to stop these wholesale law violations.

Sugest you put some of the old timers back on the job as they are honest and fear no man and will fight to the last ditch.

Incidently I called at your office in Washington D.C. and was informed your wer in confrence sorry i could not see you inperson old timer.

I also tried my besto to cotact you in Los Angeles Cal during the American Legion Convention your are a hard man to get close to let alone conersr with.

I expect to go to the Convention in Chicago Ill. hope to hve better luck next time.

Your Truly.  
Murph.

B-O-A-Z.

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Mrs. William Kerns  
1401 Mazant Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70117

Dear Mrs. Kerns:

Your letter of May 24th has been received, and I want to thank you for the generous remarks you expressed regarding my work.

In response to your request, I am enclosing an excerpt from my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on February 16, 1967. The only material that I can send you regarding the subject of your inquiry is set forth on pages 57 to 59.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MAY 31 1967

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Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles reflect Mrs. Kerns has written to the Director in the past concerning the topic of communism. The Director's letter 5/16/66 enclosed printed material and thanked her for her kind remarks concerning the FBI.

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TRUE COPY

May 24, 1967  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover:  
Dear Sir:

My husband and I feel that you have given our Country a wonderful service. We know that the F. B. I. only investigates. Yesterday I took a course here in New Orleans that the Police are giving for women to protect themselves and children. Crime is getting so bad here. Negroes are raping old women and young ones too. As long as the Negroes here are being told by Stokely Carmichael, and Robert Williams from Cuba, they actually believe they can go out and do anything they want to do. They are not being punished and the new ruling of the Supreme Court is just awful. Sir, can you send me some copies of your recent address in Feb. on Stokely Carmichael. As you know he has been here, at two negro colleges, and one colleges already had trouble.

Thanking you  
Mrs. Wm. Kerns  
1401 Mazant St.  
New Orleans,  
La.

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May 24, 1967

New Orleans, La.

CRIME CONDITIONS

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Thanking you,  
 Mrs. Wm. Pierce,  
 1401 Magazine St.  
 New Orleans,  
 La.

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Date: 4/12/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (94-502) (RUC)  
 CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA  
 SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
 POSTMARKED IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
 ON 3/26/66  
 RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
 Re Buairtel to New Orleans 3/31/66.

On 4/12/66, Lt. W. A. SMITH, Criminal Division, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Courthouse, Gretna, Louisiana, and Lt. L. J. ESTOPINAL, Records Division, New Orleans Police Department, were made aware of the content of the captioned anonymous letter. They each advised they would take necessary steps to alert individuals in their departments of these contents.

③ - Bureau  
 2 - New Orleans

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 action in  
 Corres & Tours  
 CORRESPONDENCE

G. Wick

Approved: 4/17

Sent

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Per

55 APR 23 1966 Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 3/31/66

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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

**ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
POSTMARKED IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, ON 3/26/66**

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

~~BUDED~~

Enclosed you will find:

- an anonymous**
- ☒ Two copies of self-explanatory communication, ~~has captioned material.~~
  - ☐ One copy of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.
  - ☐ One copy of the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin.
  - ☐ Other:

Take following action:

- ☐ Make discreet inquiries of established sources to determine reputation of captioned individual and/or organization. Under no circumstances should correspondent become aware of our interest.
- ☐ Have correspondent interviewed to determine whether correspondent has any information of interest to Bureau.
- ☒ Have substance of enclosed communication made available to appropriate local law enforcement officials. ~~Return copies of this communication in form of memorandum to Bureau.~~
- ☐ Acknowledge enclosed communication by mailing enclosed Bureau publication or publications to correspondent to address indicated, following your determination of status in law enforcement. If correspondent is not type of person to whom we want to furnish this material, or does not have legitimate interest in law enforcement matters, correspondent should be contacted and informed that our budgetary limitations restrict its distribution and request cannot be granted. Advise Bureau of action taken, together with recommendation as to whether correspondent's name should be added to our mailing list.
- ☐ Submit results under above caption to reach Bureau no later than
- ☐ Submit results and recommendations as to whether or not Bureau should comply with request, under above caption, to reach Bureau no later than

- ☒ Other: **On the basis of available information, Mrs. Sonfield is not identifiable in Bufiles.**

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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MAR 31 1966

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United States Senate

Washington, D. C., March 4, 1964

Respectfully referred to

Mr. Alan H. Belmont  
Assistant to the Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D.C.

for your information only.

CRIME Conditions  
Louisiana

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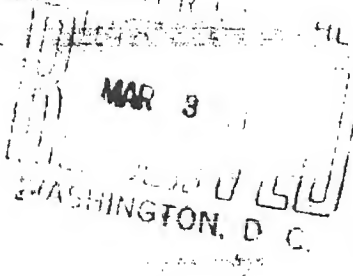
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March 1, 1964

Honorable Frank Lausche  
United States Senate Building  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Senator Lausche:

As you know, Mr. William Davidson has written a series on crime in America which is presently appearing in The Saturday Evening Post. I am anxious to know if you have recently investigated the penetration of the Syndicate, Mafia or Cosa Nostra into Cleveland, Ohio. I suggest that between you and Secretary Celebrezze's efforts in Washington a possible identification of the degree of penetration of these racketeers in Ohio could be established.

I dislike guilt by association, but can not discount the degeneration possible in a state where betting and gambling are permitted in a State. Of course the profits from gambling are used to aid the racketeer in establishing a legitament business to compete with honest businessmen. Not to mention the racketeers illegitament pursuits.

Perhaps you could inquire of your Honorable Colleagues from the State of Louisiana as to how that State's police authorities plan to attack the largest industry in Louisiana. Actually, if Louisiana does not plan to aggressively enforce their laws, I have identified the rackets in Louisiana as a desirable addition to my portfolio and need confirmation of the apathy of authorities in re the rackets in Louisiana.

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Next Senator, I call your attention to the American neglected Colonial Paradise. Suggest you investigate this abnormal situation. If you need suitable leadership, I would volunteer for the position.

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Honorable Frank Laas

Hope you have an opportunity in your busy and demanding schedule to investigate these two areas.

Look forward to your comments.

Most respectfully,

*Paul G. Baily*

Paul G. Baily

7404 Broadmoor Road  
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Main Line of Mid-America

**ILLINOIS  
CENTRAL  
RAILROAD**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please investigate the following:—

There Are Crooks Operating  
here in New Orleans, Louisiana,  
& Metairie, La - who own  
the buses, calling people to  
work (house work) & not letting  
them work, picking up money  
that way - approximately 40  
people a day calling on these  
Crooks - 40 people per one Crook  
(over)



One is Mrs. Sonfield, 315  
Cuddihy Drive, Metairie, La;  
off of Oakridge Park (road)  
This Circle of houses on  
Oakridge Pk. road, directly  
off the Metairie bus stop,  
& on Cuddihy Drive, across  
Railroad tracks, are owning  
the Transit Co. & croaking  
people out of their money,  
calling them to work & not letting  
them work -



SAC, New Orleans

12-7-60

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Director, FBI  
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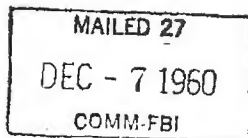
~~Address~~

REC-16

2440 DUMAINE STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Enclosed are two copies of an anonymous postal card received at the Bureau. You are requested to make a copy of this card available to local law enforcement officials at New Orleans, unless information in your files dictates otherwise.

Enclosures (2)



*John ST*

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*Peru  
H. R. A.*

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TRUE COPY

Sir,

I think you should investigate the RACKET going on at 2440 DUMAINE ST. here in New Orleans. Its run by "six" telephones in a small office at the above address sir. The entire operation is a front believe me. I'd rather not give my name! V. F. W should get the income, but don't.

"Thank You Sir"

*For  
JAC New Orleans  
12-7-60  
To  
New Orleans  
12-5-60  
Racketeer*

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

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"THANK YOU SIR"

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VIA AIR MAIL

F.R.I.

To JOHN EDGAR HOOVER,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO: ☒ Director  
☒ Mr. Tolson, 5744  
☒ Mr. Boardman, 5731  
☒ Mr. Belmont, 1742  
☒ Mr. Mohr, 5517  
☒ Mr. Parsons, 7621  
☒ Mr. Rosen, 5706  
☒ Mr. Tamm, 5256  
☒ Mr. Trotter, 4130 IB  
☒ Mr. Sizoo, 1742  
☐ Mr. Nichols, 5640  
☐ Mr. McGuire, 5642  
☐ Mr. Wick, 5634  
☐ Mr. DeLoach, 5636  
☐ Mr. Morgan, 5625  
☐ Mr. Jones, 4236  
☐ Mr. Leonard, 6222 IB  
☐ Mr. Waikart, 7204  
☐ Mr. Eames, 7206  
☐ Mr. Wherry, 5537

Mr. Nease, 5744  
 Miss Gandy, 5633  
 Mr. Holloman, 5633

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 U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
 Records Branch  
 Pers. Records, 6631  
 Reading Room, 5531  
 Mail Room, 5533  
 Teletype, 5644  
 Code Room, 4642  
 Mechanical, B-110  
 Supply Room, B-216  
 Tour Room, 5625

Miss Lurz  
 Mrs. Faber  
 Miss McCord  
 Miss Rogers  
 Miss Loper  
 Miss Chidboy

☐ See Me  
☐ For Your Info  
☐ For appropriate action

☐ Note & Return

In connection with the Director's inquiry  
 as to whether information on Governor  
 Long of Louisiana receiving a payoff was  
 furnished Internal Revenue Service, you  
 are advised that it was furnished to  
 (over)

L. B. Nichols  
 Room 5640, Ext. 691

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*R. J. [unclear]*

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*Memo to  
 Mr. 1 [unclear] &  
 Section Chiefs  
 Invest. Div.  
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January 14, 1957

Crime Conditions NEW ORLEANS

Mr. Ed Shaver  
Dunn, Louisiana

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RECORDED - 99 Dear Mr. Shaver:

62-39509-341

Your letter postmarked January 2, 1957, has been received.

Although I appreciate the interest prompting your writing, on the basis of information you furnished, there does not appear to be a violation of any Federal law coming within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. It is suggested that you continue to rely upon your local law enforcement authorities in this regard.

In the event you have information relating to criminal activities coming within the scope of this Bureau's authority, I hope you will not hesitate to contact the representatives of our New Orleans Office.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

RW

cc - New Orleans, with copy of incoming  
ATTENTION SAC: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: No telephone directory for Dunn, Louisiana, to check spelling of correspondent's name.

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Dunn Louisiana 12-20-56  
F.B.I. Dept of Justice  
J Edgar Hoover  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Wish to call your attention to  
a Cope & Truck Stop, located  
at Dunn Louisiana, Richland  
Parish, Highway 8, North Louisiana  
This place has always been a sore spot,  
causing lots of trouble, girls are kept  
there for truck drivers for a price  
Many girls have been approached  
for dates, spreading of disease etc  
The church has tried to stop this place  
seems the local law enforcement  
are not interested 61-32509-341  
The FBI at New Orleans and  
State Troopers the proof would  
have to be furnished